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Paralysis Of Business

Mayor Harrison's Closing Order Causes Much Hardship at Chicago.

Two Thousand Five Hundred People Out of Employment Temporarily.

Great Quantities of Valuables Unclaimed at the Iroquois Theatre.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Probably $25,000 worth of articles lost in the Iroquois theatre fire are still unidentified. Dozens of pieces of jewelry are frozen in the ice in the theatre, and officers were busy all day digging out watches, rings, hairpins and furs. Money to help to bury the unidentified dead and relieve any who may be suffering from the fire has commenced to come in.

Many belated funerals of victims of the Iroquois theatre fire took place today. There was no appreciable cessation of business activity. The public schools, however, were closed as a tribute to 37 dead teachers, for whom memorial services were held.

Five chorus men, arrested on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the fire at the Iroquois theatre, were released today on bonds of $600 each. Eight chorus girls, kept under police surveillance at the Union hotel since the fire, were also released on bonds of $600 each. All will be arraigned before Justice Caverly January 11th on a charge of manslaughter.

Coroner Traeger has received information that more than half of the stage hands were in a saloon near the stage door drinking beer when the fire was discovered. It has been learned that the stage door opened in, and not out, as the city ordinances require, and that it was torn from its hinges when the stampede of chorus girls occurred. The windows of the theatre, through which many people might have escaped, were closed and covered with heavily bolted sheet iron doors.

According to Mrs. Maud MacDonald Nickey, who today for the first time was able to relate the details of the disaster and her escape, her story may be an important feature of the coroner's inquest. More than half a dozen windows of the first floor, within easy reach of those occupying seats on the first floor, were closed and covered on the outside by iron blinds, which were closed and rusted so that they could not be loosened. Only one of these windows responded to the frantic efforts of a dozen people. Many persons, Mrs. Nickey believes, were killed trying to open other windows.

The closing down of the Chicago theatres, by order of Mayor Harrison, has caused a paralysis of business in many directions. Three thousand actors, stage hands and people who depend directly upon the theatres for a living, are idle, with no hope of employment for probably a fortnight.

Restaurants and hotels are complaining and the street railway traffic has fallen off, even the electric light signs have been cut off. The members of the "Bluebeard" theatrical company were permitted by the police to leave for New York, and were followed by the "Billionaire" company. It is estimated that 2,500 persons will suffer from the mayor's closing orders, of whom 1,200 are actors, etc., 350 ushers, 500 electricians and stage hands, 400 cab drivers, 200 waiters, 100 bill posters and 25 printers. The loss in receipts at the 35 theatres will total $38,000 per day.

Beloit, Wis., Jan. 4.—A quadruple funeral of Iroquois victims moved a great many people to tears today. The bodies of Mrs. Fred S. Pond, a son and daughter of Mrs. Grace Tuttle, and a sister of Mrs. Pond, were laid in the family plot in the city cemetery today.

The cemeteries were compelled to keep men at work all through the night, digging graves, and in some of the larger cemeteries they barely managed to make them with sufficient speed. At one time today fourteen burials were in progress in Rose Hill cemetery, all of them victims of Wednesday's fire.

In the rooms of one undertaker a fraternal organization had services over five members of their order at the same time. The funeral services over the remains of Ella and Edith Freckelton, sisters, were held in Boulevard hall. Fully 2,000 people were in attendance and 500 more stood outside in the biting wind until the funeral had departed for the cemetery.

In the home of the millionaire manufacturer, Ludwig Wolff, was held the quadruple funeral of his daughter, Mrs. William H. Garn, and her three children. A crowd of more than 1,000 people surrounded the house, and the police were compelled to open a passageway for the pallbearers. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen on the west side of the city.

ADVANCE IN FLOUR.

Ogilvie Company Add Twenty Cents Per Barrel—C. P. R. Wreck.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—(Special)—At Old, Alberta, last night the Oracle newspaper was completely destroyed, also Kent's saddlery premises and Code & Crozier's general store.

Ogilvie Milling Company has declared an advance on flour of 10 cents per sack and 20 cents per barrel to bring prices more in accord with the present cost of wheat.

The Canadian Pacific west-bound express was wrecked this morning near Kirkella, two sleepers leaving the track owing to a broken rail. One of the cars was overturned, but no serious injuries.

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MAYOR OF BOSTON.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Mayor Collins, of this city, was inaugurated into office for his second term of two years today.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION.

Durham, Jan. 4.—Jas. Mackinnon was on Saturday selected by South Grey Conservatives as a candidate for the Dominion House. Mr. Richardson, the sitting member, declined the nomination.

DISTURBERS REBUKED.

English Radicals Offer Apologies for Rough House at Newton Abbey.

London, Jan. 4.—(Special)—After the break-up of the Newton Abbey free fight meeting at which Barlow Cumberland of Toronto was one of the speakers, a deputation of Radicals called on Mr. Cumberland and expressed the hope that the demonstration would not be thought to be anti-colonial. Mr. Cumberland said that if such a disturbance had taken place under similar circumstances in Canada the disturbers would be put down as having a bad case.

CARELESS POLICE SENTENCED.

Cashel's Derelict Guard Condemned by Commissioner Perry.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Three Northwest Mounted Police constables, who were found guilty of neglect of duty in allowing Murderer Cashel to escape, have been sentenced by Commissioner Perry at Calgary. Piper, who had control of the guardroom, was given a year; Philipps and Leslie were given six months. All sentences are at hard labor, and besides the three were dismissed from the force.

Thomas Nixon, a Winnipeg pioneer, and who for many years was right of way agent in the West for the C. P. R., died last night at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Candidates Are Uncomplimentary

Meeting at Nanaimo Results in Clash Between Mayoralty Aspirants.

First White Woman to Settle on Vancouver Island Laid to Rest.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 4.—A singularly dull public meeting held on Saturday evening was relieved from absolute monotony by a lively exchange of personalities between an alderman and an ex-alderman at the end. Ald. Planta, who is running for the mayoralty, had called the meeting, but as it was the fourth public gathering in a year that was not two days old, the attendance was not large and there was little enthusiasm. Mr. Mark Bate, who had been chief magistrate for no less than seventeen terms himself, took the chair, and Ald. Planta proceeded to show cause why Mayor Manson, his opponent, should not be returned a fourth time, attacking his alleged lack of determination and his failure to associate his term of office with anything worthy of remembrance. That the mayor had managed the civic affairs well in a routine way, he admitted. Like Kipling's British officers, Ald. Planta "wos wery polite" to Mayor Manson, and when Mayor Manson replied his assurances to Ald. Planta of the high esteem in which he held him were quite Chesterfieldian. The audience was stoutly non-committal and gave each gentlemen a lot of impartial applause. After Ald. Planta had replied and had so far departed from the courtesies with which the debate began as to say that Mayor Manson's caution had been so excessive that the council meetings could have gone equally well had there been a dummy in the chair, the aldermen who were again seeking office, spoke in turn, and a dreary business their orations proved, as one after another they gave statistics of sidewalks, water pipes, and other items which represented the money of the taxpayers. Among them they had nearly emptied the opera house when ex-Alderman Johnson infused some variety into the proceedings by charging that Ald. Barnes had tried to prevent his election by circulating the rumor that he had an axe to grind, the axe being the appointment of his mother-in-law as janitor of one of the schools. Continuing he declared that Ald. Barnes himself had a particularly large axe of his own. He had been told that Ald. Barnes had been employed on city work and school work (Ald. Barnes is a carpenter); that he had worked at the courthouse and at the North ward and Central schools. That was hearsay, however, but he had himself seen him working on the South Ward school.

Ald. Barnes when he got a chance rose to reply to these allegations. He went into the mother-in-law business, and accused Ald. Johnson of being a sorehead.

Mr. Johnson, sticking to his point, demanded had Ald. Barnes done any work for the city.

Ald. Barnes—No, I have not.

Mr. Johnson—That is a deliberate lie. I saw you working at the South Ward school.

Ald. Barnes—Yes, but I made no charge for it.

Mr. Johnson—Did your partner?

Ald. Barnes—I know nothing about that.

Just then Ald. Planta rose and moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and the incident was closed.

Another event of Saturday was an address of workingmen by D. O'Donoghue, who made an earnest plea to his hearers who filled the Fress Press hall to return to the fold, the Trades and Labor Congress, which they deserted eighteen months ago.

A young lad named Sampson, while delivering goods at a residence, was attacked by two large dogs which literally tore the clothes off him. A neighbor drove the dogs off and they were subsequently shot.

The late Mrs. Hunter, who died New Year's Day, and whose funeral took place yesterday was the first white woman to reside in Nanaimo, coming here in 1852. She was the mother of the first white boy born on this island, William, who was born at Fort Rupert the previous year. She was a native of Ayrshire, and was 88 years of age. She was one of the ship "Tory's" contingent, which included Mrs. McGregor of this city, who is still living.

FIRE NEAR NELSON.

Nelson, Jan. 4.—A fire occurred late last night at Queen's Bay, twenty miles from Nelson, destroying the tug Hadys, a barge and a quantity of household furniture, all the property of Captain W. W. West. Captain West was removing to Nelson with his family, and loaded his belongings on the barge, intending to start this morning. The fire is suppose to have been caused from a spark from the boiler of the barge, and the flames spread to the tug.

A Big Fire At Ottawa

Post Office and Customs House Totally Destroyed Last Night.

Night Bitterly Cold and Firemen Fight Under Greatest Difficulty.

Admiralty State There is no Intention to Reduce Pacific Squadron.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The Ottawa postoffice and customs house were totally destroyed by fire tonight; loss, $100,000. The conflagration was caused by the explosion of an electric pump. The firemen fought under great difficulties, the night being bitterly cold.

The last of the Stanley cup championship hockey matches took place tonight, the Ottawas beating Winnipeg two to nothing. The match was one of the greatest ever played in the city. Neither side scored during the first hour. Ottawa won in an extra half.

A reply has been received from the Admiralty in connection with the resolution forwarded from the Victoria Board of Trade, saying that, as the fleet at Esquimalt comprises three cruisers, it is deemed more fitting to have a commodore in charge. There was, however, no intention of reducing the fleet.

The report gained widespread currency tonight that parliament had been dissolved and polling had been fixed for January 9th. The report was generally believed on the streets, but it could not be traced to any authority, and one of the ministers declared that at today's council meeting the matter was not even mentioned; only routine business was transacted.

A long course of instructions at the Royal Military college will commence March 1st. The class is limited to sixteen officers.

Charles N. Bell, secretary of the transportation commission, is here today to arrange details concerning the first sitting of that body at St. John, St. Andrew's and Halifax, in the order named. The dates are not settled yet, but the commission may be ready for work before the present week is over. After these three places have been visited, the commission will adjourn for three weeks, resuming probably in Montreal and Quebec.

Building Inspector Pratt and Fire Chief Provost commenced an investigation this morning of the theatres and larger buildings of the city. Russell theatre was found well equipped, and the Grand Opera House is well provided with exits. No fire-proof curtains or sprinkler and improvements in that connection will be insisted on.

Erick Nystrom, assistant to Dr. Haanel, superintendent of mines, has been appointed draughtsman to the committee that will shortly start for Europe to investigate and report upon electric processes for the smelting of iron ores and the making of steel. Dr. Haanel has been instructed to examine and report upon plants that are in operation on the other side of the Atlantic.

Lord Strathcona advised the minister of agriculture that the Admiralty would shortly call for tenders for the year's supply of preserved meat and canned goods. Canadian firms who are not already listed should apply at once if they desire to tender. They should make application for enrollment, give the name of the firm and also submit samples.

The municipal elections today brought out a good vote notwithstanding the bitter cold weather. Ald. Ellis was elected mayor, receiving 3,992 votes; ex-Ald. Darcy Scott received 3,353, and Ald. Enright 777.

The Woman In The Cashel Case

Sensational Evidence in the Trial of the Condemned Fugitive's Brother.

Handsome Matron of Guardroom Relates Conversation With John.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Calgary, N. W. T., Jan. 4.—Evidence in the trial of John Cashel was of a sensational nature this afternoon. The woman in the case, who gave evidence, was Flora Brazeau, an interesting and attractive young woman. She testified that she had been matron in the guardroom and had become acquainted with Ernest Cashel, with whom she had become fairly intimate. She had met John Cashel, who had seen her at her father's house. John Cashel told her some time before the escape that if Ernest Cashel did not get a new trial that he intended to get him out of jail. He intended to get guns into him and then he could force his way out. There would be a horse waiting for him. He would then be dressed in woman's clothes and get over to Buffalo, Wyo. If he ever got there he could stay because Cashel had so many friends that the police would never get him away. John Cashel said that he would not be near the guard room at the time, but in some other part of the city, and that then they could not do anything to him. He asked her to be with him at the time of the escape. He said that if he had to "go down" himself he would do it rather than let his brother be punished.

INVESTIGATING MYSTERY.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Paris is deeply interested in the alleged hypnotic murder of a woman named Chappuis, 61 years old, whose surviving relatives include Leon Gresse, an operatic conductor; Lieut. Giradot, of the army, and M. Toutain, a bank official. The neighbors of the Chappuis woman were a family named Martin, consisting of husband and wife, who are spiritualists. It is alleged that Mme. Martin obtained a commanding influence over Mme. Chappuis, with the result that Mme. Chappuis made a will in her favor, cutting off her natural heirs. Mme. Chappuis died and was buried. On complaint of her relatives the body was exhumed, but no trace of poison was found in the stomach. Mme. Martin has been arrested, and witnesses have testified to her alleged control over the dead woman, but it is not believed she will be prosecuted unless facts are developed showing that she physically brought about the death of Mme. Chappuis.

MISSIONARY DEAD.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—A cablegram from Northern Nigeria announces the death of a Canadian missionary, Albert Taylor, whose home was in Beachville, Oxford county.

RAT PORTAGE COUNCIL.

Rat Portage, Ont., Jan. 4.—Mayor A. S. Horswell was elected by 136 majority. Aldermen-elect—F. A. Hudson, J. Kelly, C. W. Belyea, Major Carmichael, W. Greenwood and J. Sherman.

INDIAN SCHOOL BURNT.

Industrial Establishment at Fort Qu Appelle Goes Up in Smoke.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The large Indian industrial school building at Fort Qu Appelle, Assa., was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. As far as known no lives were lost.

KILLED BY SHOCK.

Witnessing Iroquois Horror Causes Death of Young Teacher.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Solely from witnessing the horror in the Iroquois theatre, Miss Rita Wild, 22 years old, a teacher at the Felsdenthal public school, is dead. Her death brings the total of the fire fatalities up to 589.

MANY FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Fire in Chicago Flats Burns Out Seventy-five Households.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the Delaware flats at 65th street and Cottage Grove avenue. Seventy-five families were in the building when the fire began. The structure was a relic of the World's Fair days, when cheap construction was much in use. The people promptly made their exits, and it is believed there was no loss of life.

H.M.S. Bonaventure Now En Route

Relief For Amphion Sailed From Devonport on the Eighteenth.

Satisfaction Expressed at Home on Floating of the Flora.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Dec. 18.—Today H. M. S. Bonaventure, Captain R. G. Fraser, left Devonport en voyage to the Pacific station to relieve H. M. S. Amphion, Captain John Casement, now at Panama. The Bonaventure will meet the Amphion there or perhaps at Valparaiso.

Much satisfaction is expressed at the refloating of H. M. S. Flora.

The ex-Chilean battleships Libertad and Constitucion, just purchased by our admiralty, have been renamed Triumph and Swiftsure, two historic names in our navy. A Triumph was flagship of the Pacific station for a long period.

In the face of much hostile criticism the government has thought better of it and no reduction will be made in the naval estimates of 1904-05. In the Old Country "Rule Britannia" is still a powerful factor.

The project for a Canadian militia officer to command the local forces of the Dominion is generally adversely commented on. Whilst there are no doubt officers of tried ability in the Canadian militia it goes without saying that an officer of the Imperial army is better suited for the command for he is not bounded by narrow local prejudices, nor is he amenable to political exigencies.

The admiralty has just issued a new order bearing on the pay and retirement of executive officers. In the future admirals and vice admirals will be retired after five years' non-employment and unemployed rear admirals go at three and a half years if they have held a command, but in the case of a captain promoted to a flag rank without holding a command for three and a half years he will get an extension to five years. Unemployed, commanders and lieutenants will close their naval career after three years. This order will weed out shelved officers who only encumber the lists without any prospect of being employed again—a clear case of the survival of the fittest. Officers from the rank of commander up may retire at their own option at any age. Flag officers will retain the same retired pay, but captains are eligible for the maximum of £600 per annum, the minimum being £425. Civil service will count when employed under the admiralty, shore berths will be held only for five years, except in the case of admiralty officers. Another important announcement is that twelve rear admirals are to be added to that rank and the number of captains and commanders are to be increased to 253 and 373 respectively.

FAVORS HOME RULE.

Dublin, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the national directorate of the United Irish League tonight, a resolution was passed in favor of home rule as the only means of enabling the people to derive the benefits of the recent Irish land act in face of the refusal of landlords to sell their estates except on extravagant terms.

EASTERN ZERO WEATHER.

Forty Below in New York State Makes a New Local Record.

Glenfalls, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Last night was the coldest in the Adirondacks for this season. The mercury stood at 23 below at Glenfalls; 24 at Lake George, and 30 at Warrensburg.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The coldest weather of recent years prevails here today. This morning the thermometer registered 22 below zero.

Brunswick, Maine, Jan. 4.—The extreme cold continues unabated here. The temperature ranged about 20 degrees below zero during the night, and a little warmer today. All trains are from one to six hours' late.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The weather continues clear and cold, with unprecedently low thermometer records from surrounding points. Boonville, on the edge of the Adirondacks, reports 40 below last night.

Bad Axe, Mich., Jan. 4.—Three boys, aged about 10 years, the sons of fishermen, were frozen to death during last night's terrible storm, being lost in the blinding snow.

Kansas City, Jan. 4.—In this part of the southwest zero weather prevailed yesterday, the coldest of the season.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—Yesterday was the coldest of the season, the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero.

Still Waiting On Russia

Reply Said to Be In Viceroy's Hand For Delivery at the Proper Moment.

Alexieff Declares Russia Has Not Given Up Hopes of Peace.

Japanese Preparations Continue With Steady Vigor For Eventualities.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that the reply of the Russian government to the Japanese government is now in the hands of Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far East, who will deliver it when he considers that a fitting moment has arrived. According to the correspondent, Viceroy Alexieff declares that Russia has not given up hope of a peaceful settlement of the difficulties. The correspondent adds: "As to whether Russia's reply will be acceptable to Japan, no one here will express an opinion. The reply has been carefully considered, and, from Russia's point of view, is framed in terms which Japan can honorably accept."

London, Jan. 4.—Cabling under date of January 1, the Times Tokio correspondent says:

"The situation is extremely critical. Russia maintains a profound silence. Failing some conciliatory action on the part of Russia, of which there is now no appearance whatever, Japan will certainly adopt within a few days active measures to secure her vital interests. After this war will become very difficult to avert."

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—An official note published today announces that instructions have been sent to Viceroy Alexieff as to the reply to be given to the last Japanese note.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Several Japanese officers who have attended the cavalry school at Hanover, received messages from their government to return to Japan immediately.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Reports of unrest in China, and indications that the Pekin government is inclined to join hands with Tokio in the event of war between Russia and Japan, have been received at the American State department with regret. The possibility of China becoming involved in such a conflict presents, it is said, a very grave menace to American trade, and the officials of the Washington government are disposed to bring to bear all the legitimate moral pressure they can command, both at St. Petersburg and Pekin, to preserve peace between Russia and China, even if war between Russia and Japan cannot be averted.

PRINCESS MATHILDE'S FUNERAL

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Princess Mathilde, who died Saturday, will be buried at the cemetery of St. Gratien. The date of the funeral cannot be fixed until Prince Louis Napoleon has been heard from. All the members of the Bonapartist aristocracy have sent messages of condolence.

COLDEST SPELL IN MONTREAL'S RECORD

Oldest Inhabitants Seek in Vain For Similar Frigid Visitation.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—This is the fourteenth day of one of the severest cold spells in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. No excessively low thermometer has as yet been established, but there has been a succession of cold days without intermission that local weather records do not show an equivalent for. On ten days out of the fourteen the lowest reading has been at least ten below zero, and on nine of the days in question the thermometer has failed to go above the zero mark. New Year's day was the warmest of the lot. On that day the temperature rose for a few hours to 20 above, but a rapid fall occurred and at 7 o'clock that evening it was well below the zero mark again. Since then the mercury has varied between 5 below and 23 below, the record of this morning. During the last two days a keen northwest wind has added to the discomfort. There has been little or no actual suffering as Montreal people are prepared for this sort of weather.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—It is fifteen below zero in many parts of Ontario today.

GRIM KENTUCKY FEUD.

Two Brothers Shot Dead in Battle of Axes, Knives and Pistols.

Inez, Ky., Jan. 4.—The bodies of Alf. and Hayden Johnson, brothers, were found in the public pike near Jennie, W. Va., each with a bullet through his head. Anthony Crabtree, Jacob Oliver and the two Johnsons, it is said, had a fight, in which axes, knives and pistols were freely used. Crabtree and Oliver were pitted against the two Johnsons, who were unarmed, except for a pocket knife and an axe.

ESCAPE PLANNED FOR MURDERERS

Brother of Roeski Arrested on Suspicion of Attempted Jail Delivery.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Otto Roeski, 22 years old, and Herman Roeski, 33 years of age, brothers of Emil Roeski, under indictment for the car barn robbery and murders, were arrested today. Suspicion that they planned to blow up the county jail to liberate the brother was aroused on a first report that they had nitro glycerine, candles, steel saws and files when arrested. Later it was denied that they had nitro glycerine. The police refused to say whether the Roeskis were suspected of having given their brother the saw with which he made his almost successful attempt to escape a week ago, sawing the bars of the cell in the county jail. It was hinted by the police that the Roeskis were wanted in connection with robberies committed since the arrest of their brother.

Japan Buys Much Welsh Coal

Eighty Thousand Tons Ordered Conditional Upon Shipment This Month.

Probable That British Home Squadron Will Replace Channel Fleet.

Cardiff, Jan. 4.—It was reported on the Coal Exchange that Japan was placing orders here for 80,000 tons of steam coal, the orders being largely conditioned on shipment during January. It is estimated that 40,000 tons of steam coal have been bought already by Japan from Welsh miners.

Tientsin, Jan. 4.—The Russian officer here has informed the railroad officials that a detachment of 100 Russian troops will occupy Siu Min Tun, on the railroad running to Shan-hai-Kwan and Tien, in two days from date.

The Chinese plan, in the event of a campaign, was reported to be to concentrate 50,000 picked troops along the line of the Sin Min Tun branch of the Manchurian railway, and cut the communications, thus isolating New Chwang and Port Arthur.

London, Jan. 4.—Despatches from the Far East say market prices in Tokio have fallen rapidly. A despatch from Vladivostock reports the departure of a Russian cruiser, presumably for Port Arthur, and the impending departure of four other cruisers, while the population is alarmed at the incessant arrival of Russian troops.

The Associated Press learns that no little excitement prevails among the officers of the British home squadron, who are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval squadron in the Far East. In the home squadron, which is usually regarded as a reserve and training unit of the navy, all leaves of absence have been stopped. Extra supplies of ammunition have been taken on board and the men and ships are kept in a state of alertness such as has not existed for years.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, says he assumes that the marine engineers from the Clyde who have left for Japan, have been engaged for the transport fleet, though the minister says he has no definite knowledge of the circumstances of their departure.

The despondency in connection with the situation in the Far East is at last beginning to be felt on the Paris bourse, with the result that Russian bonds, which have only fallen about 3 per cent. since September last, are now affected by the depressing influence surrounding the foreign market.

On the Stock Exchange Chinese securities have been heavily sold on Berlin account, but the Berlin bourse is still optimistic. With such a gloomy opening of the year, the volume of the week's business has been of the smallest.

Bizerta, Tunis, Jan. 4.—It is thought that Admiral Wirienus and the Russian naval division of three cruisers and eleven torpedo destroyers, will sail for Suez at the end of this week.

Malta, Jan. 4.—Five Russian torpedo boat destroyers sailed from here in an eastward direction.

AMERICAN SENATE AGAIN IN SESSION

Resumed the Sittings Yesterday and Discussed Panama Affairs.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Senate's first session following the holiday recess was devoted entirely to Panama. President Roosevelt sent a message on the subject, which was received with much interest. Discussion continued throughout the day, speeches being made both in defence of and against the policy which has been pursued.

Mr. McComas asserted the President's action would stand if tried in court. He maintained that even without recognition the new republic of Panama would have been established and maintained. Mr. Stewart severely criticized the Bogota government.

Mr. Morgan (Alabama), stated his preference for the Nicaragua route, and maintained that the present course of the administration was breaking down the established policy of the United States regarding neutrality. The Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the newly-elected chaplain of the Senate, offered a stirring invocation. His prayer was a plea for the wisdom of heaven in the affairs of the government. He referred briefly to the Chicago fire.

In the House the chaplain prayed that war between Russia and Japan be averted.

A privileged reason offered by Mr. Hay (D. Va.), stated that certain statements contained in the Bristow postoffice report reflecting on the membership of the House. It provided for an investigation by a committee to be appointed by the Speaker. A point of order made against the resolution, made by Mr. Gardner (R.) New Jersey), was overruled, and the same fate met Mr. Payne (R.) (New York), who decided to refer the resolution to the postoffice committee. A vote on ordering the previous question resulted in a tie, the minority supporting Mr. Hay.

INGENIOUS PARADOX.

Twins, One Born December 31, 1903, the Other January 1, 1904.

Versailles, O., Jan. 4.—Twins, a daughter and son, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, residents of this place, under most remarkable circumstances. Just before 1903 passed into history, the daughter was born, and after the new year 1904 was ushered in, the son was born. Both are well and hearty, but although they are twins they can never celebrate the anniversaries of their birth on the same day, month or year. There is also something out of the ordinary connected with the birth of the mother. She is one of a pair of twins and was born on the night of May 31, just before midnight, 29 years ago, and her mate was born early on the morning of June 1.

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A HEROIC RESCUE.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—In a fifty-mile gale of wind that whipped up an extremely rough and dangerous sea, the crew of the Smith's Island lifesaving station Sunday morning rescued the crew of the stranded three-masted schooner Joseph J. Pharo, which was blown ashore on Carter's bar. The ship is a total loss.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Jan. 4.—The middle of February will, in all probability, see Ladysmith supplied with electric light. This has been required for some time, and great satisfaction is felt at the anticipation of having the town decently lighted.

Mr. A. J. McMurtrie has arranged to have the Abbotsford hotel supplied with electric light. The interior of this splendidly constructed hotel is now being renovated and when all improvements are completed it will doubtless present a very fine appearance.

A glove contest has been arranged between Wm. Hannay and C. Sinclair for good stakes, to take place either at Victoria or this town, on January 20th.

APPEALS TO THE FULL COURT

List of Remnant Appeal Cases to Be Heard This Morning.

This morning the following list of remnants on appeal will be heard by the Full court:

Plath (R.) vs. Grand Forks & Kettle Valley railway, appeal from Judge Leamy. W. P. Clement for plaintiff; L. Whiteside for defendant.

Carrie vs. Van Anda Copper Company, appeal from Judge Harrison. J. H. Senkler for plaintiff; W. E. Burns for defendant.

Oppenheimer vs. Sperling, appeal from Mr. Justice Drake. J. H. Senkler, plaintiff; E. E. Wootten, defendant.

Alaska Packers' Association vs. Spencer; appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. J. H. Lawson, plaintiff; W. M. Griffin, defendant.

Re estate B. W. Pearse, deceased; appeal from Mr. Justice Drake. H. A. McLean, plaintiff; W. E. Oliver, defendant.

Esquimalt Water Works vs. Victoria, appeal from Mr. Justice Drake. A. P. Luxton, plaintiff; J. M. Bradburn, defendant.

Centre Star Co. vs. Rossland Great Western Mines, appeal from Mr. Justice Irving; A. C. Galt, plaintiff; C. R. Hamilton, defendant.

Traders' National Bank vs. Ingram; appeal from Judge Leamy. W. P. Clement, plaintiff; H. C. Harrington, defendant.

The King vs. Taughe, motion; A. H. McNeill for defendant.

Koppacher vs. Columbia Hydraulic Mining Co.; appeal from Judge Henderson. W. E. Fisher, plaintiff; C. L. Mason, defendant.

Centre Star Co. vs. Miners' Union; appeal from Judge Forin. A. C. Galt, plaintiff; S. S. Taylor, defendant.

Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest Co.; appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. Jas. O'Shea plaintiff; H. W. Herchmer, defendant.

Silla vs. Crow's Nest Co.; appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. J. O'Shea, plaintiff; H. W. Herchmer, defendant.

City of Victoria vs. Meston; appeal from Chief Justice. J. M. Bradbary, plaintiff; H. B. W. Aikman, defendant.

FIRE IN INSANE ASYLUM.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 4.—The women's wing of the Taunton Insane Hospital caught fire at 11:30 last night and burned fiercely. It is believed that all the inmates were rescued.

SMOOTH AS BOULEVARD.

Yukon Ice Might Be Skated on for Long Distance.

Dawson, Y.T., Dec. 16.—The trail over the ice of the Yukon between Dawson and Kirkman, the place where the steamer Canadian is stranded, is as smooth as a boulevard. This report is sent back to General Agent J. H. Rogers by Superintendent P. Scharschmidt, who left Dawson for Kirkman a few days ago. Scharschmidt writes that he could have skated much of the distance up the trail.

The distance from Dawson to Kirkman is 100 miles. A large number of rigs are leaving Dawson to haul freight from the Canadian, and to bring down some of the freight which was cached at Kirkman by other boats, which were unable to get through with all their cargoes.

Two freight rigs, which got in Monday with freight belonging to the White Pass, are the only rigs to arrive from Kirkman with any of the delayed consignments. They found no difficulty in following the trail.

Two teams owned by Hannen left for Kirkman today, and a number of heavy outfits owned by Freighter L. C. Lane will get away some time this week. More are expected to go soon.

Superintendent Scharschmidt went to Kirkman to see for himself in what condition the Canadian lies, and to know what action to take to protect her when the river breaks in the spring.

From Kirkman, Scharschmidt will proceed up the Yukon over the ice to Selkirk, and there take the regular overland stage for White Horse. He will go to Victoria, his home.

Fifty-five tons of meat from the stranded steamer Lightning were landed in Dawson this week by sleighs drawn by heavy two-horse teams. The Lightning went to the aid of the Pacific Cold Storage company's steamer Kerr, below Circle, last fall. The Lightning got only part way to Dawson, when she was stranded for the winter. The Lightning was below Eagle, more than 100 miles distant. The teams were ten days coming to Dawson. Several times they broke through surface ice, and some of the horses were nearly lost.

The outfit of teams belongs to H. N. Ford. They may be engaged to go to Circle for the sixty tons of meat the Kerr has there.

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Rents are paid quarterly in Paris and every quarter day is marked by a large number of suicides, the victims being poor wretches who can not pay and seek thus to escape eviction. On the first of October no less than nine persons took their lives for this reason. The charcoal brazier was the favorite means adopted.

Iroquois Theatre Opens Prematurely

Bond Given By Construction Company Still In Hands of Corporation.

Chief Usher Latest Arrest For Manslaughter in Connection With Closed Exits.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—As a result of the Iroquois theatre fire and panic, in which 590 persons lost their lives, Building Commissioner Williams tonight issued an order closing all the public halls, dance halls and similar places of public assemblage until an inspection has shown that they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance. This leaves Chicago churches and lodge halls alone open for public gatherings.

There are upwards of 400 halls in Chicago affected by the order. Protests were numerous, but the building commissioner was inflexible.

It was pointed out to the building commissioners today as indicating that the Iroquois theatre was opened prematurely that $10,000 bonds filed by the Fuller Constaruction Company to insure the city against damage to the frontage in excavation had not yet been redeemed. This afternoon attorneys for the fire department secured from five witnesses corroboration of the charges that a wrecking crew of the Fuller Construction Company had destroyed the stage stay lights on the day after the disaster. Manager Price of the Bluebeard company said that between 90 and 100 tickets were sold after the theatre was filled Wednesday.

The police today arrested George M. Dusenberry, chief usher of the theatre, on a charge of manslaughter. He is held to furnish evidence on the statements made by many people in the theatre that the ushers closed the doors and for a time refused to allow people to pass out.

Local Theatres To Be Inspected

An Examination To Be Made of Their Equipment in Fire Fighting Appliance.

Proceedings at a Brief Meeting of City Council Held Yesterday Evening.

Yesterday evening's regular weekly meeting of the city council was a very brief one, few matters of importance requiring to be dealt with before the usefulness of the old board shall have expired with the efflux of time. The one item dealt with which possesses special popular interest was the receipt of a communication from a leading citizen, who desires that the local theatres shall receive a thorough inspection so that their fire-fighting appliances and means for speedy exists of audiences may be computed. The board considers this a most timely suggestion in the view of the terrible catastrophe recently in Chicago and the matter was referred to the proper authorities for strict investigation.

His Worship Mayor McCandless presided and all the aldermen were in their places.

Thomas R. Smith suggested that the council give attention to the question of fire protection to the local theatres. Referred to chief of police, chief of fire department and fire wardens to investigate and report.

The secretary of public work department, Ottawa, acknowledged receipt of letter re harbor improvements. Received and filed.

The secretary of the provincial board of health explained to the board the efforts being put to prevent the spread of tuberculosis. Referred to the board of health.

His Worship expressed himself as quite in sympathy with the movement.

Robt. Clark, secretary of the Dairymen's Protective Association, asked that a standard for butter fat be established at 3 per cent.

The mayor explained that Dr. Tolmie was reviewing the by-law so as to make the necessary amendments. The letter was laid on the table.

James Phillips, presented a legal statement of his claims for compensations for damages for dispossession from certain property on Andrews street, James bay. Referred to the city solicitor.

A. O. Roy made certain suggestions re the removing of certain buildings near James Bay flats. Referred to streets committee.

City Clerk Dowler wrote as follows:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the City Council the following communications have been received and referred to the City Engineer for report, viz:

A. H. Bridgman, again urging that Fredrick street be repaired.

E. J. Salmon, asking that gravel be placed on Johnson street to afford a crossing for pedestrians between his store and the Saunders building on said street.

T. D. DesBrisay, calling attention to condition of a drain on Cornwall street, and asking that a plank sidewalk be laid down on said street.

Received and filed.

The electric light committee reported favorably to Mr. Justice Martin's application for a light on Cadboro Bay road, corner of Turner and St. Charles streets, the same to be recommended to the incoming council for favorable consideration.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $2,800. Received and adopted.

The same committee recommended a grant of $750 to the Tourist Association.

Ald. Dinsdale protested against the adoption of the report. It was robbing the necessary street work to make this appropriation.

The report was adopted. The council then adjourned.

A GOOD SHOW.

"Foxy Grandpa" Turns Out to be Exceptionally Meritorious.

Last night at the Victoria opera house the farce comedy "Foxy Grandpa" was given before an audience who heartily enjoyed the fun, music, spectacular effects and acrobatic specialties. The ladies of the chorus wore scrumptious costumes, and were somewhat scrumptious themselves, indeed, one of the best little corps de ballet seen here in a good while. The limelight effects were quite novel in Victoria, that in imitation of the cinematograph being particularly effective. The three Italian minstrels sang beautifully, the tenor being especially fine. The work of the two little boys was a treat, while that of Foxy Grandpa himself was capital. The tramp's acrobatic work was fully up to the London Empire standard, which is exactingly high. There was not a stick in the company and not a dull moment. The fun was fast and furious from the rise to the fall of the curtain, and it was certainly one of the best pleased audiences that ever issued from the Victoria theatre that filed out of the house last night.

BORN.

JENKINS—On 4th inst., at 212 Cook street, the wife of D. J. Jenkins, of a son. (Dawson papers please copy.)

SWANSON—At Kamloops, on Dec. 30th, the wife of J. D. Swanson, of a son.

BULL—At Vancouver, on Dec. 30th, the wife of Alfred E. Bull, of a son.

TAIT—At New Westminster, on Dec. 30th, the wife of C. W. Tait, of a son.

PAYNE—At 47 Ontarla street, on the 4th inst., the wife of Fred Payne, of this city, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

GREAVES—CAMPBELL—At Kamloops, on Dec. 30th, by Rev. J. C. Stewart, J. B. Greaves and Miss Henrietta Campbell.

BARKER—HINCHLEY—At Vancouver, on Dec. 30th, by Rev. J. Wilson, E. A. Barker and Miss Sadie Hinchley.

KIDD—HALE—At Vancouver, on Jan. 1st, by Rev. W. E. Pescott, Isaac Thomas Kidd and Miss Minnie Hale.

SHARPE—McDOUGAL—At Vancouver, on Dec. 30th, by Rev. G. A. Wilson, G. R. Sharpe and Miss Catherine McDouga'.

HART—CLENDENNING — At Vancouver, on Jan. 1st, by Rev. R. L. Wilson, Dr. Joseph B. Hart and Miss Margaret A. Clendenning.

MUIR—STEWART—At Vancouver, on Jan. 1st, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, James F. Muir and Miss Rose Stewart.

FOY—KENNER—At Revelstoke, on Dec. 29th, by Rev. A. E. Hetherington, Ellsworth Foy and Miss Florence May Kenner.

ROSENBURG—WARD—At Revelstoke, on Dec. 25th, by Rev. W. C. Calder, Frederick Lamont Rosenberg and Annie Ward.

ROSENBURG—WARD—At the Manse, Revelstoke, on the 25th inst., by the Rev. W. C. Calder, Frederic Lamont Rosenburg, to Annie E. Ward, both of Ashcroft, B. C.

DIED.

HARINGTON—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Tiarks, Oak Bay Ave., on the 3rd inst., Ada Harington, aged 74 years, and a native of Clifton, Bristol, England, and widow of the late Rev. Edward Temple R. Harington, vicar of Axmouth, Devonshire, England.

The funeral will take place from above residence today (Tuesday) at 10:30 a. m., and 11 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral. Friends will please accept this intimation

HARVEY—At Comox on January 3rd, Agnes Marie Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harvey.

FRASER—At Vancouver, on Dec. 31st, Andrew Fraser, aged 60 years.

HANSELL—At Vancouver, on Dec. 31st, John Hansell, aged 22 years.

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MUNICIPAL CONTEST IS WARMING UP

Series of Public Meetings Arranged For This Week in Interest of Candidates.

The first meeting in the interest of Mr. C. E. Redfern's candidature for the mayoralty was held in Pioneer hall last evening, when steps were taken to ensure his election.

As all the evenings between this and the day of election, except Saturday, will be taken up by public meetings, it was decided to hold the next rally at 8 p.m. Saturday at the same place, which his supporters are invited to attend to make the final arrangements for the day of election. The first public meeting will be held tomorrow evening at Oakland's fire hall, when Mr. Redfern will address the electors of that district on municipal matters.

This evening a rally meeting of the friends and supporters of Ald. G. H. Barnard, who is an aspirant for the mayoralty, will be held at the rooms over the Army and Navy cigar store, corner of Government and Bastion streets. All supporters of Mr. Barnard are invited to attend. James Lemon, who announced his candidature for alderman for North Ward on Sunday morning, has retired from the contest. Public meetings will be held by the candidates for the mayoralty at the following times and places: Fire hall, Oaklands, Wednesday, Jan. 6; Semple's hall, Victoria West, Thursday, Jan. 7; South Ward school, Friday, Jan. 8; North Ward school, Monday, Jan. 11; Oddfellows' hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday, Jan. 12. All other candidates are invited to attend; chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Over 4,800 names all told are on the voters' list, as made up this year, including 1,500 householders.

Dr. G. L. Milne, who had announced himself as a candidate for aldermanic honors in South Ward, has decided to withdraw from the contest. It is very probable that he will be induced to become a candidate in the Liberal interest in the forthcoming Dominion elections.

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Before long a motor car will be running on the so-called roads in Uganda. George Wilson, the deputy commissioner of that protectorate, who is on his way back from England to Africa, is taking with him a 25 horse power motor, which he intends to make use of on his tours of inspection throughout Uganda.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Good Waterproof News

This is about the best money-saving information our Mantle Department has handed out for months. These Waterproof Coats are not all this season's styles—but just look at the price, $6.50 to $11.50 Raincoats for $1.50.

24 Ladies' Rubber Lined Raincoats. Regular values $6.00 to $11.25. Wednesday till sold, Your Choice **$1.50**

Ladies' Stylish Heptonette Raincoats. Regular values $7.75 to $9.00 each. WEDNESDAY **$5.00**

Children's Rubber Lined Raincoats. Regular values $3.50 to $5.00. WEDNESDAY **$2.50**

Men's Underwear

Men's Fleece Lined Drawers. Regular value 60c. pair. WEDNESDAY **25c**

Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear, Pants and Vests. Regular 50c. to 60c. each. OUR PRICE WEDNESDAY. **35c**

Men's Extra Heavy Ribbed Underwear, All Wool, Pants and Vests. Although they are exceptional value at 75c., our regular price, they are yours on WEDNESDAY FOR **45c**

"Turnbull's" Hand Knit Underwear, double breasted vests, pure wool, all sizes. Regular values $1.50 to $2.00 each. WEDNESDAY **$1.25**

New Lace Ties, Regular Value 35c. each, Sale Price 25c.

Flannelette Wear

Ladies Flannelette Skirts. Regular value 60c. each. WEDNESDAY **40c**

Ladies' Stylish Flannelette Nightgowns. Regular value $1.15 each. WEDNESDAY **75c**

Ladies' Dainty Flannelette Drawers, trimmed with lace. Regular value 90c. pair. WEDNESDAY **60c**

Ladies' Flannelette Dressing Sacques, new style. Regular value $1.25. WEDNESDAY **$1.00**

Dressing Jackets

There's no reason under the sun why these beautiful Dressing Jackets should go on the bargain counter—except that they have fallen victims to our January Sale price cutting habit.

Ladies' Eiderdown Dressing Jackets, in plain and fancy, velvet trimmed, all sizes. Regular values $2.50 to $2.90 ea. YOUR CHOICE ON WEDNESDAY **$1.25**

Ladies' Silk Waists, Regular $3.75 to $6.50, Sale $1.75.

Children's Dresses

Here's is an instance showing how our January Sale is of interest to those buying Dress Needs for Children. We're making three of our January Sale values do the honors for Wednesday:

Children's Pretty Cashmere Dresses, lace trimmed. Regular values $2.50 to $3.00. WEDNESDAY **$1.50**

Children's China Silk Dresses. Regular value $4.00 each. WERNESDAY **$2.00**

Children's Silk Bonnets. Regular values $1.75 to $4.00 each. WEDNESDAY **$1.25**

Kid Gloves

Ladies Lined Kid Gloves, with fur tops. Regular value $1.25 a pair **35c**

Ladies Real French Kid Gloves, in all shades. Regular value $1.25 a N WERDNESDAY ..... WEDNESDAY FOR **50c**

Ladies' Real French Kid Gloves, in modes only, with fancy tops. Regular value $2.00 a pair. WEDNESDAY **75c**

Other small lots of Wednesday Bargains will be ready at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, but quantities and prices are too small to advertise

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Description.—Height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 140 lbs; brown hair, sandy moustache and beard close cut. The above photo is a good likeness.

Ferguson is not wanted for any offence.

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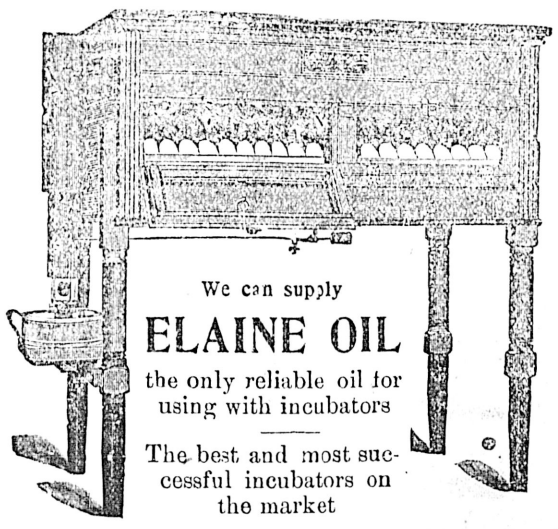

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Pathetic and Humorous Stories of Old Cornish Landsmen and Fishermen.

Long before the hour announced for commencing the lecture, every available seat in the magnificent church edifice was occupied. The choir gallery was empty, but the joyous strains of the organ burst forth when, punctually at 8 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Rowe, followed by the lecturer of the evening, ascended the platform. After the singing of an appropriate hymn, the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, led by Mr. Pearse, after which Dr. Rowe, in a few remarks, introduced the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse.

Mr. Pearse, with a sunny smile, a clean-shaven face, with a large forehead, active in movement, dramatic in style, stepped forward and announced his subject. Sunday, January 3rd, was his birthday. He is sixty years of age, yet will easily pass for a man of forty-five. For several years Mr. Pearse has been engaged in mission work in the city of London, England, with the late Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, M. A. At the present time he has no official connection with that work, but is seeking to aid the mission by raising £1,000 by his lecturing tour.

In his introductory remarks he spoke of Canada being a land of notions. He said it is noted for gold, wheat, geese and notions; but, imagining there were reporters present, did not wish to be taken seriously, and instead of geese substituted the words ducks and deeds. How he came to get the notion or subject of his lecture was in conversation with three Canadians whom he had entertained on a trip round the Isle of Wight, who were charmed with his conversation, and stated that if he would come to Canada and speak about "The Old Folks at Home," he would have three thousand to listen to him instead of three.

No pen picture can do justice to either the lecture or the lecturer. He is quaint, original, dramatic, pathetic and at times eloquent. He has lived in close touch with men and nature.

Graphically he described the Cornish character of fifty years ago, and brought back sweet and tender association of the "old folks" who lived in that period. Those were the days of leisure, of repose, when to go to London was quite a journey, and when special prayer would be offered for those undertaking the journey. He did not, however, wish his lecture to appear in the columns of the press, and gave an amusing story of some Cornishman who did not think the powder was up to the mark, as he believed that it was second hand and had been fired off before. So, if his lectures were reported, when he went to give them at a large centre like Duncans, it would be like powder that had been fired off before.

In the good old days they used to have one newspaper a week, costing three pence, and three persons would contribute one penny a week and read it in turns, but it often got lost before it reached the third contributor.

The trains would stop at places, and time would be given for a person to go and pay a bill. Leisure was given for people to pay their debts. It was the day of the old-fashioned bonnet, and they would wear them for forty years. Hats were made to wear in the good old days. He told a most touching story of a genuine old Christian by the name of old "Rosy," who lived in a cottage to which the ivy and honeysuckle clung with many other beautiful flowers. Old Rosy was poor and bedridden, and was frequently visited by the friends in the vicinity. Old Rosy's prayer was instrumental in leading Mr. Pearse into the work of the ministry.

Many wonder how Mr. Pearse gets material for his stories, but he has lived, ate and slept with the Cornish fishermen, and knows how to paint the ocean in all its majestic beauty and sublime grandeur. The heroism displayed by many of those hardy sons of toil, not only in braving the elements of the mighty deep, but moral heroism in carrying out into practical effect the lessons of Christianity.

Mr. Pearse received well-merited applause. The large audience was delighted, and no doubt he will have a crowded church on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse will give a Bible reading at the Metropolitan church on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has intimated his intention of being present if his health will permit, as will also Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich and Major English, R. G. A. A collection will be taken in aid of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt, under the care of Rev. J. P. Hicks.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse will lecture again at the Metropolitan church tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Christian Socialist." At this lecture Mr. Pearse will tell of his experiences at the West London mission work.

There is a singular coincidence about the two English royal princesses named Louise. They are both the daughters of British monarchs, they are both of very fair complexion, and both married out of the blood royal. They also both selected Scottish peers—the Dukes of Argyll and Fife—both of whom are as fair-skinned as their wives. Still further goes the coincidence, for neither of the royal duchesses has presented her husband with a male heir.

Happenings On The Waterfront

Steamer Tacoma Reaches Port After an Uneventful Voyage.

Movement of Other Trans-Pacific Liners--Steamer Amur Off Ways.

Steamer Tacoma of the Northern Pacific line, Capt. Ridley, reached port on Sunday after an uneventful trip from the Orient—a different voyage from that outward to Yokohama, which occupied 25 days and was a very stormp passage. The liner lost a plate from her bowsprit, with half of her name letters, so that only the "oma" was visible. The Northern Pacific liner brought one saloon passenger, Mr. Chas. Major, and 26 Japanese. She brought no Chinese. The Tacoma is the first vessel to reach port since the new head tax became effective, and great care was taken not to allow any of her crew of 54 Chinese, to get ashore, a happening which would have rendered the steamer liable for $500 for each escape. The cargo brought by the steamer, not more than 100 tons of which was landed here, consisted of 900 tons of general freight, silk, tea, matting, rice, soy, and the usual shipments of general merchandise.

The steamers Tremont of the Boston S. S. Co., and Empress of Japan of the C. P. R. fleet, are both due today from the Orient and the steamer Tosa Maru is due on Tuesday next. The steamer Peleus is also about due. She will be followed by the steamer Lydeus, which will leave Yokohama in mid-January. The Empress of Japan, due today, has about 20 saloon passengers, 50 Chinese bonded through to the United States, 1,370 tons of cargo, including 420 tons of silk, valued at about $1,176,000, which will be despatched to New York by special train. Like the Empress, the Tremont is bringing no local Chinese—the new tax being seemingly effective in keeping out the Chinese. The Peleus of the Blue Funnel line is bringing a heavy cargo for this port, having over 1,000 tons of naval stores and general merchandise to land here, and she will load about 11,000 cases of salmon and some lumber at the Ocean docks before proceeding to Tacoma.

The steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, whose Tosa Maru is due on Tuesday, when the Shinano Maru will sail for the Orient, as being much affected as a result of the crisis. Being Japanese vessels, they are subject to the war rates of insurance, which were placed in force on the Pacific Coast about two weeks ago, the Japanese liners of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, running to San Francisco, having had their cargoes subject to the rate on recent sailings. The war rate on goods shipped by the Japanese liners has been placed at a quarter of one per cent above the usual rates, and as the gravity of the situation increases, the rate will doubtless be advanced pro rata. Six Japanese liners are running to and from this port.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Gaudin will on Tuesday next commence a series of lectures on seamanship and navigation. The lectures, which will be illustrated, will be given every Tuesday and Friday evening during the months of January, February and March.

Steamer Amur came off the ways at Esquimalt yesterday afternoon, and will resume her service to Skagway today.

Steamer Cottage City sailed for Alaskan ports early yesterday morning.

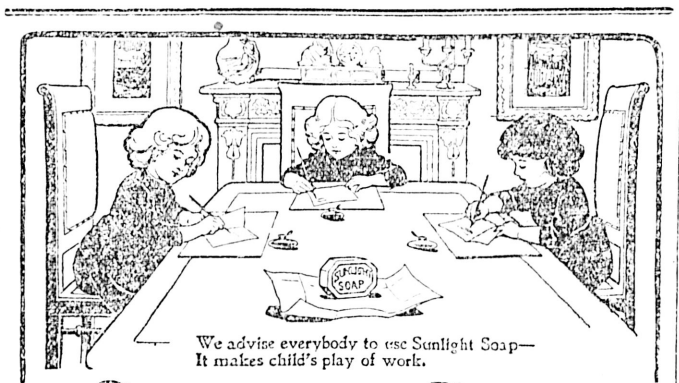
ADDRESSED THE LABORING MEN

Fair Wage Officer For Dominion Gives Interesting Speech at Nanaimo.

During the course of an interesting speech at Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon, D. J. O'Donoghue, fair wage officer for the Dominion, who is to speak here this week, made a strong appeal for unity among the workers, and pointed out how unity had won shorter hours, higher wages, better sanitary conditions, and in every way raised the credit of workingmen. He also opposed the strike except as a very last resort, because, win or lose, it is the men who bear the brunt of the fighting who get the worst of it. If they lose they are blacklisted at once. If they win their position is made so disagreeable that they are glad to get out. Therefore, he favored conciliation and arbitration until the last means had been adopted and failed. He favored keeping the right to strike, however, and advised men never to be wheedled into giving up this last and final method of settling labor grievances.

He also took occasion to strongly defend his position as fair wage officer, and pointed out how absurd it was to suppose that even if he desired to do so he could influence congress in favor or against any government, and pointed out that he was in the employ of the government purely in the interests of the cause, and at great personal inconvenience to himself. He closed with another strong appeal for unity in the ranks, and advised his hearers to sink all petty differences and get in line with the general trend of the movement. All progress, he pointed out, must be slow and evolutionary in its nature, and it could not be of advantage either to themselves or anybody to isolate themselves on account of a fancied grievance. At the next congress he hoped to see representatives from British Columbia.

Mr. O'Donoghue was listened to throughout his one and a half hours' talk with the closest attention, broken with applause at many points in his remarks. As he sat down he was applauded vigorously by the entire audience.



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AFFAIR AT THE ORPHAN'S HOME

Business Before the Regular Monthly Meeting of Ladies Commitee.

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday afternoon at the Home, Hillside avenue. There were present: Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, in the chair, and Mesdames Higgins, Wilson, Shakespeare, Berridge, Hutcheson, McGregor, Picard, Toller, McTavish, Spragge and Miss Perrin. After the disposal of routine business and approving the payment of $169.28 monthly accounts, the following report of the house committee was received and filed, and Mrs. N. Shakespeare and Miss Perrin appointed visitors for January:

To the Ladies' Committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home,—It is with great pleasure we beg to present the report of the Home for the lucky month of December, and allow us to begin by wishing you, the Orphan's Home, and all our kind friends, a happy New Year, full of bright and prosperous days.

From our weekly visits to the Home the report is satisfactory, but how could it be otherwise with Santa Claus in the air and visions of good things to come?

During the slight cold spell the furnace was sadly missed until stoves were placed in the halls and screens arranged so as to prevent the hot air from escaping to parts unused.

The children enjoyed a real Christmas dinner, supplied by those who gain happiness by passing it on. The tables were crammed with good things, so were the children, but no serious consequences arose to mar the happy day; all was "peace on earth" at the Home, which had been beautified for the occasion with loving touches by busy little fingers.

We were glad to welcome so many friends at the Christmas tree, which happy event took place on the 29th, and was just what a Christmas tree should be. The programme rendered by the children was much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Kay, our worthy matron, had the misfortune to tread on a rusty nail, which, of course, found the only hole in her slipper, causing her much pain and suffering. However, we are glad to report her better.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Carter for his professional services, so kindly and assiduously rendered; to Mrs. Stadthagen, for her annual prizes; to Mr. Hinton, for his kind thought in sending the tree lit by electric light, and to all the numerous friends, who, whilst themselves rejoicing, did not forget the Orphans' Home.

The outlet of the sewerage is in a very bad state, and requires immediate attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANNIE C. McTAVISH,
EDITH L. HIGGINS.

January 4th, 1904.

A special committee consisting of Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hutcheson was appointed to endeavor, if possible, to expedite the repairs to the heating apparatus.

The matron reported all well and acknowledged, with thanks, the receipt of the following donations:

DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

A friend, per Mr. Jack, jam, dripping pan and one pair overshoes; Mrs. Sargison, clothing; Mr. Edwin Johnson, "Tzouhalem," one large box of apples; a friend, stockings; Mrs. Kelso, jam and celery; Mrs. Charles Todd, one new trimmed hat, stockings and clothing; Journeymen Barbers' Union, per J. R. Groh, oranges, cake and sandwiches; Ministering circle of the King's Daughters, by request of Miss Harvey, "Stoneycrest," per Miss Saaz, eight new serge suits for girls, nine gingham aprons, five flannel petticoats, five sailor caps; a large doll, Edith Helmcken; Miss S. E. Coker, ten pieces underclothing; Mrs. E. Hobbs, Cadboro Bay road, four bottles strawberry jam; the Children's Friend, $5; Mrs. Goodacre, apples and two games; Mrs. R. W. Higgins, two boxes Japs; a doll, Miss Pearse; Mr. Hammereys, Cadboro Bay road, per Mrs. P. C. McGregor, one air-tight heating stove; St. Anne's Sunday school, Cedar Hill, $5; Mrs. Blyth, one pair girls' shoes; a friend, per Porter & Sons, four bottles jam; Mrs. Shotbolt, two dozen hemstitched handkerchiefs; Mrs. Charles Kent, candy, nuts and cake; Mrs. H. Cray, two dozen bonbons, two dozen candy boxes; Mrs. F. Landsberg, two boxes Japs, nuts, candy, cake, bonbons, toys and Indian curios; Mrs. A. J. Morley, three sacks flour; Mr. H. D. Helmcken, paper mache bonbon box, china cups and candy; Mrs. Simpson, candy, cake and nuts; Mrs. West Wilson, cake; Mrs. McKeown, two boxes Japs, two pounds figs; St. Barnabas Sunday school, Christmas tree, cake and Japs; Mr. Tolmie, Christmas tree; Miss Bertha Morley, bonbons; Mrs. R. Dinsdale, box Japs; Mrs. McCrimmon, cake and home made candy; a friend, candy; Mrs. Henry Croft, toys; Mr. D. Spragg, one sack flour; John Bros., toys; Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fell, two pails strawberry jam; Mrs. Scowcroft, apple and custard pies; Master Lestreen Roche, three games and picture cards; Mrs. Sargison, toys and candy; Miss Jean Cameron, toys and fancy baskets; Mrs. Wm. Berridge, four embroidered handkerchiefs; the Daily News, Nelson, B. C., per F. J. Deane, $10; Mrs. Andrew Kelly, Parkerville, Cariboo, per Mrs. Brown, Beacon Hill, $5; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Mr. King, expressage; Mr. Hall, sharpening saws; Ladies of the committee, cake; Mr. R. Smith, box fancy biscuit; E. Carrol, six tins canned fruit, candy and Japs; Fell & Co., six boxes Turkish Delight, French bonbons, nuts; F. Corn, candy and nuts; Dr. Milne, one box biscuit, one box Japs; Mrs. G. A. McTavish, home made candy and cake; Mrs. Going, Hillside avenue, candy; Mrs. Kelso, celery; Mrs. Smith, Sanset, ivy and honey; Mrs. Beckwith, ivy and evergreens; Mrs. J. H. Todd, headcheese; Mrs. Luscomb, fruit cake; D. Spencer & Sons, one rocking horse, one blackboard, three dozen dolls, toys for all; Miss Marie Blair, five dolls, one tea set and other toys; Miss Fell, one box large picture books; Edna and Jessie Jones, two dolls; Mrs. Denny, six boys' jersey sweaters; from W. H. P., one sack flour, one box apples, twenty pounds sugar, one box Japs and nuts; the Junior C. E., First Presbyterian church, one large scrap album; Waite & Co., mouth organs, mandolines and other musical instruments; Mrs. Van Tassel, apples and pears, candy and books; Miss Dorothy McTavish, fancy paper bags for Christmas tree; Mrs. E. Blackwood, Fourth street, two washstands, one cradle, and dresses, doll's toilet set, three games; Mrs. George Carter, two cakes; Carter & McCandless, per Mr. Beckwith, toys and Christmas tree ornaments; Mr. George J. Cook, Fort street, oranges, lemons, toys and candy; Mrs. H. C. Marr, Boomerang hotel, one large packing case of dolls, work boxes, baskets, balls, books and toys for all of the children; Mrs. A. R. Milne, two boxes Japs; Mrs. (Rev.) Ewings, Menzies street, Sunday school class of six little girls and her two little daughters, presented each child with a spoon and the home with twelve tea spoons, six table spoons, three kitchen spoons and two large pudding dishes; Excelsior Biscuit Co., box fancy biscuit; Mrs. Wm. Templeman, pop corn, candy, box Japs and one box fancy biscuit; Mrs. S. A. Stoddart, box of clothing; Mrs. Dalias Helmcken, one box Japs; Miss Dorothy McTavish, one box Japs; Mrs. Barr, Kingston street, book clothing and toys; Porter & Sons, one large goose, two turkeys; Mrs. Erb, roast beef; Mrs. Denny, one large turkey; Mrs. Fairfield, jelly and clothing; Master Norman Dickinson, six games; Mrs. Ed Dickinson, clothing; Mr. and Mrs. McNeil, one box Japs; Mrs. Munsey, one box Japs, three dozen doughnuts; Mr. Jarvis Longhurst, one sack flour; Miss Woods, toys for Gerty; Dr. Lewis Hall, candy and pop corn, two boxes Japs; Cloverdale Farm, twelve pounds fresh pork, one box apples; Mrs. E. N. Andrews, candy and oranges; Mrs. Goodacre, one box Japs; Dixie Ross & Co., one pail candy, nuts and oranges; D. R. Ker, $5; Mrs. Croft, $10; Mrs. J. H. Todd, $5; Mrs. G. Berridge, $5; Mr. Justice Drake, $5; Miss Margaret Sayward, $5.

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All Liberal-Conservatives will be welcome. The right to vote is confined to delegates chosen by Liberal-Conservative Associations of district meetings convened for this purpose. Five delegates for every member of the Provincial Legislature to which each separate constituency may be entitled, such delegates to be elected by the Liberal-Conservative voters of the electoral district or riding. Proxies can only be used by members of the Union.

Business—General, election of officers and such other matters as may be brought forward.

J. R. SEYMOUR,
Chairman of Executive.

The Mayoralty

ORGANIZATION MEETING

A meeting of the supporters of Mr. G. H. Barnard will be held on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, at 8 o'clock at the rooms over the Army and Navy Cigar Store, corner of Government and Bastion streets. All supporters of Mr. Barnard are invited to attend.

Municipal Election Meetings

Public Meetings will be held by the candidates for the Mayoralty at the following times and places:

Fire Hall, Oaklands, Wednesday, January 6th.

Semple's Hall, Victoria West, Thursday, January 7th.

South Ward School, Friday, January 8th.

North Ward School, Monday, January 11th.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday, January 12th.

All other candidates are invited to attend. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

CHAS. E. REDFERN

The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

G. H. BARNARD

FOR ALDERMEN

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a large number of ratepayers I beg to offer myself for re-election as one of your representatives on the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming Municipal Election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

H. M. GRAHAME

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers I have decided to present myself again this year as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully ask your support and influence.

ROBT. DINSDALE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a representative deputation of the electors, I am a candidate for the Aldermanic Board, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

W. F. FULLERTON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election.

JOHN KINSMAN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

After due consideration I find that my time will be so fully occupied this season owing to our firm extending the business, that I will not be able to do justice to the many important works to be done during the next term.

Thanking the influential deputation of citizens who waited on me, I remain

Yours respectfully,
JAMES LEMON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for Alderman for above Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

A. STEWART.

Cor. Yates and Blanchard streets.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Central Ward and respectfully request your vote and influence at the coming election.

H. E. LEVY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a large number of voters, I have decided to again become a candidate for election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

LAWRENCE GOODACRE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the solicitation of a number of Electors I announce myself as a candidate for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. PROUT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

At the solicitation of a number of Electors I announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

G. L. MILNE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

B. S. ODDY.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

SOUTH WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:

At the request of a number of the Ratepayers, I have decided to stand for the above Ward, and respectfully request your support.

THORNTON FELL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS.

Fairfield road.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

THOS. J. WORTHINGTON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election.

F. W. VINCENT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the earnest solicitation of many friends, I have consented to become a candidate for Aldermanic honors for North Ward at the approaching Municipal Elections, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

JAMES LEMON.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of School Trustee, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

MARG'T JENKINS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I shall seek re-election as a School Trustee.

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PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

Our attention has been called to an article under the above caption that appeared in a Vancouver evening newspaper last Wednesday. We do not suppose that the writer of it desired to misrepresent the facts with which he attempted to deal, and the gross inaccuracies running through the article we attribute, therefore, to his entire ignorance of the subject that he purported to discuss. He refers to the circumstance that many of the matters which he mentions are no secret "except to the large body of citizens who pay the taxes." If he had added himself to the list of those without knowledge of the subject, he would have come a good deal nearer to the truth than he does in the course of his article of nearly two columns in length. Inaccurate as the article is, to allow it to go without correction would almost certainly be prejudicial to the public interests, since it conveys a most erroneous idea of the financial position of the Province and of the means that have been taken to bring about a sounder condition of things than prevailed when the present Government acceded to office.

The article asserts that the Government found itself so deeply in debt to the Bank of Commerce, as to be completely in the control of that institution. It states that "the real Finance Minister of British Columbia is not Hon. R. G. Tatlow, but Mr. Byron E. Walker (general manager of the bank), who resides in Toronto." While it does not claim that the management of that bank would make an improper use of the power which it asserts the course of events has placed within its reach, it depicts the use that unscrupulous persons might make of such a situation, even to the extent of influencing legislation inimical to the public interests. It is not difficult to see the mischief that the circulation of such ridiculous and false suggestions as those may cause the Province.

As a matter of fact the Province has never been under any such obligation to the Bank of Commerce, or to any other bank, as the article asserts. As the Finance Minister stated in the Legislature a few weeks ago, the Government did not owe the bank anything in the way of an overdraft on the current account. The Government had certain obligations to discharge at a later date, which it made provision to meet by asking the Legislature to authorize a loan of $1,000,000. When that authorization was given by the passage of the Loan Bill, the Government was in a position to negotiate with any bank or individual willing to make an offer for the debentures to be issued under the provisions of that Bill. The proceeds of those debentures were required to meet interest payments maturing shortly and other obligations incurred by a previous Government—not to liquidate a debt to the bank because there was none to liquidate. As regards the Bank of Commerce controlling, or seeking to control, the Government account or dictating its policy, the suggestion is not only absolutely false but also a great injustice, as the Finance Minister would doubtless agree, to the management of that institution. There has been nothing to prevent the Government dealing with any other bank if it found that it could do so more advantageously to the public interests than with the Bank of Commerce. Furthermore, when the Government disposes of the $1,000,000 worth of debentures authorized by the Loan Bill, it will have sufficient funds in its possession to meet all its obligations for the remainder of the present fiscal year, without incurring any new obligations to its bankers.

It will be seen from these statements, which can be relied on as authoritative, that there is absolutely no foundation for the assertions to which we have referred. While, as we have said, we do not impute them to any improper motive, it is a matter of regret that such inaccurate statements should be made. Ever since the present Government came into power, a certain class of writers and speakers has been guilty of spreading reports similar to the article under consideration. By persons well informed no credence will be given to such articles or assertions. But to others, and especially to people in Eastern Canada or Great Britain, not so well informed, such reports may convey the impression that the Provincial finances are still in a very bad condition. As a matter of fact, thanks to the legislation passed last month, the soundness of the finances has been restored, and with a continuance of prudent administration, British Columbia's financial status will soon compare favorably with that of any other Province in the Dominion.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

At the present time the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme is occupying more than an ordinary share of the attention of newspapers, politicians and the public generally in Eastern Canada. Although the enterprise was practically initiated by the Dominion Government and was, indeed, the chief item of the legislative bill of fare at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, it appears to have not a few opponents in the Liberal ranks. At one time the introduction of the project into the Government's programme seemed likely to cause most serious trouble in the Liberal camp, and there is reason to believe that it required all Sir Wilfrid Laurier's influence and authority to keep the rank and file of his supporters in line. As it was, one of his colleagues proved recalcitrant, and although it will probably never be known whether the ostensible cause of Mr. Blair's retirement from the Cabinet was the real reason, the fact remains that the official retirement of the Minister of Railways and Canals did occur. In passing it may not be uninteresting to note that the position has not been filled, although according to the Liberal dictum in British Columbia, a failure to fill up a vacancy in a cabinet is sufficient reason for the Crown, or its representative, demanding the resignation of a prime minister so neglectful of his duty. But, so far, there has been no suggestion that Lord Minto has even reminded Sir Wilfrid of his failure to act. Perhaps, as we said the other day, circumstances alter cases, and what is sauce for the Conservative goose would not be a desirable dressing for the Liberal gander! We live in times when one party must not look through a gate while the other may steal the steed.

Although the Government carried the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme safely through Parliament, the enterprise seems to be still the object of attacks, both open and covert. Undoubtedly there is a good deal to be said against the extension of the proposed road to Moncton, and it is almost impossible to avoid the belief that political reasons and not considerations of a business character were the grounds for the selection of that route. It is almost equally certain that a good deal of the opposition that manifests itself to the enterprise from time to time in the public press, is instigated by the promoters of a rival scheme who see in the carrying out of the Grand Trunk Pacific project the creation of a powerful rival to their own scheme, and the certainty that in such case further aid to them, either from the Dominion or the Provinces, would be impossible. It is, however, satisfactory to see that Mr. Hays, the general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, asserts positively that the enterprise will be carried out, and that the construction will begin in earnest this year. A great deal is being made in certain quarters of the fact that the company has not exactly fulfilled its part of the agreement, because it has made the required deposit of $5,000,000 in Guaranteed Preference Stock of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, instead of in Imperial or Dominion Government securities. To our mind, if a deposit be required at all, the form in which the company has made it, should be deemed perfectly satisfactory, and if there be need of Parliamentary approval of the modification, it should be given. Not only is the stock a good security, but the fact that it is forthcoming shows that the Grand Trunk Company is behind the new enterprise beyond any doubt. That the money will be secured to build the line to the Coast, we have it on the authority of such a competent person as Mr. Clouston, the general manager of the Bank of Montreal. Here, in British Columbia, it is, in our opinion, the duty as it is the interest of everyone to avoid doing or saying anything that may put an obstacle in the way of this great enterprise. It is a most extraordinary thing to us that men who two years ago were willing to burden the people of this Province with obligations of millions in money and millions of acres in land, in order to make a gift of the same to promoters to build a line to the Coast, should now be attempting to oppose a scheme that will give us the desired line under the auspices of one of the great transportation companies in Canada, without costing British Columbia one dollar in money or one acre of land.

The letter of Mr. T. R. Smith to the civic authorities is exceedingly timely. Too great attention cannot be given to the subject of the safety of people attending public gatherings of all descriptions, and the investigation along the lines suggested in the letter should not be confined to the theatres only. Too often flagrant infractions of the law are committed by those who, above all others, should never be guilty of setting the city ordinances at defiance.

At the risk of tempting the vagaries of the local clerk of the weather, we fain would draw attention to the telegrams published elsewhere as to the climatic conditions prevailing in the East yesterday. While the citizens of New York State tourist resorts were watching the mercury making a record—at last accounts it had reached 40 degrees below zero—we in Victoria were enjoying sunshine and balmy breezes. Locally the almost total absence of high winds for some time past, and the fine, bright sunshine, are worthy of more than a passing reference.

Residents of the western suburbs are understood to be quietly grinding sundry dangerous-looking axes against the time of the appearance of the annual aldermanic, school trustee and mayoralty candidates. The citizens claim that gross injustice has been done that portion of the city, and several indignation meetings are spoken of between now and election day. What between the Craigflower road embroglio and the Indian reserve question, it does look as though scant justice had been meted out the people across the harbor.

This is the way the London Daily Chronicle referred to Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of a commission to investigate tariff matters:

Josephus, R.

Joseph the First, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Demagogue, Defender of the Protectionist Faith; To Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved. . . Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to Inquire into the condition of Our trade and to frame a Model Tariff:

Now Know Ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your agreement with Our views, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you to Our Commission for the purposes of the said Inquiry.

And, for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you full power to call before you Witnesses from every trade and from every group of industries representative of the trade of India and Our Colonies.

Given at Birmingham,
By His Majesty's Command,
(Signed) C. A. VINCE.

All of which may be exceedingly clever, but looks so childish that one is astonished to see it had found place in a metropolitan journal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

Sir,—I notice an article in the Colonist of December 31st, 1903, 1903, in reference to the men working on the Point Ellice bridge, from Mr. T. A. McDowell, and I must say he is not much of a man. If he belongs to the International Association of Boilermakers he might have sense enough to know that that is not the only association that works on iron work, and he says they are all good citizens of United States, but he was never fooled more in all his life. I myself and another brother bridge and structural iron worker, went out and fought in South Africa for our country, and that is more than Mr. McDowell can say; and not only that, but we have all paid our taxes. Probably he is wanting $3 to pay his. I would like very much to meet him and have a talk with him and see if he has any principle about him. We were all working on the Westminster bridge for the Dominion Bridge Company for the past eight months, and there is more British subjects among us and more loyal than the 40 or 50 boilermakers that he talks about being walking around the streets of Victoria. No doubt, they are, most of them, drifted over from the States. Anyway, a good boilermaker has never any need to want a job if he is anything of a mechanic at all, for boilermakers are in demand everywhere. I think he must be talking through his hat.

Hoping this will not take up too much space in your valuable paper.

H. J. MITCHELL.
No. 14 Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

"MOVING ONWARD."

London, Jan. 1.—Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, in a New Year's poem of some length, entitled "Moving Onward," published today, writes the following:

Years moving onward, onward, whence and whither and why?
Age after age in the selfsame world, with the selfsame stars in the sky;
The selfsame glory of light in heaven and light that is still on the way;
Outlooking gaze of the damsel dawn and drop of declining day;
All things always the same, unchanged, unchangeable, all save we,
Who come like clouds, like clouds disappear, form and fall like wave of the sea;
Message and meeting of severed friends, Yule carol, New Year chime,
And eternity moving on and on, the passionless wheels of time;
Peace but a hungry duel for life darkening to menace of war,
And Muscovite legions tramping on, doing the will of tsar.
. . . . . .
But still the glory of light in heaven and light that is still on its way
Faint hearts that despond of tomorrow, look up and be done with despair or dismay.
For British sentinels stand erect at the fortress gates of the world,
And the British flag on every sea with with its splendid symbol unfurled,
And the lord of right still sits on his throne, still wields his sceptre and rod,
And the winds and waves and years move on doing the will of God.

PRESS COMMENT.

The oil which greases the machinery may have a foul odor, but it helps the wheels to rotate. Chinese employment to the artisan and the Kaffir trader may seem an evil, but should the machinery of the Rand stop through lack of Chinese oil, or should the speed slacken, then output and employment suffer.—African Review.

We would be the last in the world to try to close to women avenues to a livelihood proper to their sex; and as far as the law is concerned, we see no particular reason why a capable woman should not make a good solicitor. But she could never make a barrister; her personality would always be more insistent than her arguments.—Spectator.

There is an Imperial interpretation of the trite proverb "Look after the pence and the pounds will look after themselves," and it might run, "Provide for the interests and well-being of the eleven millions of Englishmen beyond the seas, and forty odd millions at home will take care of themselves."—London Daily Telegraph.

Foreign nations are under no delusion as to the meaning to them of a change in British fiscal policy. The German reichstag debated the subject during two days last week. Herr Bebel, on Thursday, denounced the German tariff, which, he says, is responsible for Great Britain's willingness to entertain the idea of going back upon her free trade policy. On Saturday the German government invited the reichstag to give it power to continue at its discretion the most favored nation treatment to Great Britain. The Germans do not like the prospect of being fought by their best customer, and Mr. Chamberlain came in for an amount of abuse which is a measure of their fear lest his policy should prevail.—Public Opinion.

Besides the subject which Sir F. W. Borden was specially commissioned to negotiate upon, other suggestions of great interest were brought forward in connection twih which further developments are not improbable. One was that the Canadian forces should take over the defence of Halifax, as in fact they did during the late war. Another, possessing a far greater bearing on the whole question of Imperial defence, was that one battalion of the small permanent force maintained by Canada should be stationed in India. As this battalion would be in lieu of an ordinary British battalion, India would pay the cost. Canada would thus be involved in no expense, and would, at the same time, furnish its officers with opportunities for training and active service not to be found at home. There can be little doubt that, if the suggestion is carried out, the example of Canada will be followed by other parts of the Empire.—London Times.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Last week all previous records were smashed in the output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. Not only was the aggregate output of the three collieries larger last week, but the record for each colliery was broken. The total output for the week of six days was 21,000 tons. A cave-in with fatal results occurred in No. 1 mine, Coal Creek, Tuesday evening, at 9 o'clock. The victim of the accident was Stephen Hunter an Englishman of 30 years of age.—Fernie Free Press.

Zinc buyers from New York are expected to visit the Kootenay this week, when a movement in this class of ore is likely to take place to the European market. The zinc product of Sandon is becoming one of its greatest sources of revenue, and it attracting attention from the users of the metal the world over.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Percy Lake rode from Athalmer to Golden last week to visit his friends there. In the East it would have been considered a great feat for a boy of 14 years to ride his pony a distance of 80 miles, but our boys think little of such a ride.—Wilmer Outcrop.

The Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Limited, and the British Columbia Copper Co., the latter owning the Mother Lode mine and smelter, have been consolidated, an arrangement by which the ores of both mines will be shipped to and reduced at the Greenwood smelter. According to the circular issued by the management of the British Columbia Copper Co., to the stockholders outlining the plan, it is proposed that the stock of the company and other assets are to be secured by a new British corporation with a total authorized capital of £1,000,000 or more.—Ferguson Eagle.

We have heard it said that the devil weeps every time a saloon is closed. If it be so, then he is having a sorrowful New Year in town. The license commissioners have refused to renew two licenses, and their action takes effect today. May the good work continue, and rum sellers make fortunes in some better way. — Lillooet Prospector.

At a meeting of the principal owners of the Oyster-Criterion, Swede group and Lucky Jack on Tuesday, it was decided to withdraw the shares of the Great Northern mines, limited, from the market, and it is officially announced that no further stock in that company will be offered to the public.—Poplar Nugget.

Quite a happy time was spent at the Parsonage on New Year's Eve., when the members of the Methodist Bible class and Mrs. Gillanders' class were entertained in an excellent manner. The object of such festivities is to draw the members of the church closer together. Games of a varied nature were indulged in for a considerable time, after which refreshments were handed around and much appreciated by all.—Delta Times.

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A Boarding and Day School For Girls
The Lent Term will begin on Monday, January 4th. For all particulars apply to the Principal.
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DR. S. D. POPE
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Day School for Girls Only
This school will provide a full public school course, and will open on January 6th.
Those desiring to consult Dr. Pope can do so by calling at his residence, 78 Rock Bay avenue, on any day this week, between 10 a. m. and 12 noon.

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Usual subjects taught. Pianoforte lessons given in classes or individually.

Dancing Academy
M. Lester, Teacher of Society and Fancy Dancing; Glide Two-Step; Cotillion and all Up-to-Date Dances.
Adult Beginner's Class will form January 4th; Juvenile Beginners January 2nd.
Classes meet every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.
Juvenile Classes—Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon.
Private Lessons given Latest improved method of teaching.

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Moderate terms for boarders and day scholars. The Easter term will commence on Monday, January 11th, 1904, at 2:30 p. m., in new residence. Three acres, extensive recreation grounds; gymnasium.
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FOR SALE
Two lots running from Rae street to Churchway; one half cash, balance on mortgage to suit purchaser.
Foul Bay road, lot 19, near Cadboro Bay road, one-half cash, balance on mortgage.
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To clear out stock at
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Every day in January a Bargain Day

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Yesterday Was Just a Continuation of The Christmas Rush.

Black Silks Reduced.

Plain Black Taffetas [250 yards] Regular 75c., January sale 50c yard. Black Satin Merveleaux, regular 85c, January sale 65c. Gros Grain and Bengaline Black silks, regular $1.25, January sale 85c. At 35c, regular 75c and 90c, Fancy Broches and Striped Satins. At 50c, regular $1 Shepherd check Taffetas and fine stripes. At 65c, regular $1.25 Fancy Broches and Embroidered Spot Taffetas. At 75c, regular $1.25 and $1.50 Fancy Striped Blouse Silks. At 95c, regular $1.50, $1.75 and $2 Evening Broches, many shades. All short ends of Silk. Plain Taffetas 50c a yard.

Millinery Department Sale

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, prices $1, $2.50 and $5. All Ladies' Outing Hats, January Sale 50c. All Untrimmed Hats 50c. Children's Trimmed Sailor Hats, were up to $1 and $1.85, for 50c. All Better Trimmed Hats for Girls, January sale $1 each.

$1.00 Kid Gloves For 60c.

"Doris" our regular guaranteed Glove, regular price $1, January sale price 60c. Three other makes at the same price.

Ladies' Belts

25c. for Belts up to 50c. 50c. for Belts up to $1.00. Black Silk and Satin Belts.

$2 to $4.50 Corsets for $1.50

AS FOLLOWS:

ROYAL WORCESTER MAKES.

No. 672—Regular $4.50. Colors Black, White and Pink.
No. 655—Regular $4.50. Colors White and Black.
No. 555—Regular $2.50. Color Black.
No. 653—Regular $2.50. Colors Black.
No. 424—Regular $2.00. Colors Grey and White.
No. 551—Regular $2.50. Colors Black and White.
No. 552—Regular $2.50. Colors Black and White.
No. 560—Regular $3.50. Colors Black and White.
All the above at $1.50 Pair.

P. D.'S.

Marguerite—Regular $3.75.
No. 28—Regular $3.50.
FOR $1.50.

D. A. Corsets, 40 Pairs. Regular $1.50. FOR 75c.
170 Pairs Short and Medium Long Corsets two styles.
1st—Short, one girdle.
2nd—Medium length, double stitched, bias support.
Regular Price 75c. FOR 50c.
97 Pairs Medium and Short Corsets. Regular $1.00. FOR 75c.
Children's Waists—Ferris and Common Sense. Regular $1.25. FOR $1.00.
Regular 75c. For 45c.
Child's Waists, other makes, going at 25c. and 50c.

Handkerchiefs

One table of Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, used in the decorations. Today 5c. each.
Colored Handkerchiefs; today 2c. each.

Dress Goods

$1.25 and $1.50 Fancy Tweeds. January sale 65c. yard.
All the new Canvas Cloths, Hop Sackings and Fancy Mixtures go at this price. $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 Homespuns, Serges and Friezes. January sale 55c. yard. 54 inches wide.
Fancy Voile. Colors brown, black and green. Regular $1.25. Sale price 75c. yard.
Fancy Zibeline, black ground with camel's hair finish, with colored spots. Sale price 65c. yard.
Fawns, Grey, Green and Brown Mixed Tweeds, 44 inches wide. Regular 75c. Sale price 50c. yard.
Light Colored Herringbone Tweeds. Regular $1.00 and $1.50. Sale price 50c. yard.
Fancy Stripe Tweeds, brown grounds. Regular 85c. Sale price 50c. yard.
Black and White Stripe Tweeds. Regular $1.00. Sale price 50c. yard.
Fancy Zibeline Tweeds, eight shades. The lowest quality worth $1.00. Sale price 50c. yard.

50c Flaked Tweeds for 25c yd

38 pieces to choose from at this price, all very desirable colors. A little light in weight for just now, but very suitable for spring.
The Assessment Act makes it necessary for us to reduce our stock. We have had this in our minds in making these sale prices as you see by the great reductions in the Dress Goods Department.

Men's Underwear

Men's Pure Wool Scotch Underwear, Shirts and Drawers. January sale price, 38c. each, 75c. suit.
Men's Heavy Lamb's Wool Shirts and Drawers. January sale 65c. each.
Fine soft make of Lambs' Wool Shirts and Drawers. January sale 75c. each.

50c. and 65c. French Flannels for 25c. yard.

Plain Colors, as well as all our Fancy Stripe, Spot and Figured Flannels, all at 25c. yard.

25c. and 35c. Wrapper Flannelettes. January sale 15c. yard.

Blouse Flannelettes, a great variety, at 9c. Regular 15c. yard.

88 Children's Raincoats

Rubber lined. Prices as follows:
$2.25 Ones for $1.15
$3.00 Ones for $1.50
$4.00 Ones for $2.00
$5.00 Ones for $2.50
$6.00 Ones for $3.00
Sizes 33 inches to 51 inches in length.

Ladies' Costumes

$20.00 Costumes for $11.50.
$25.00 Costumes for $15.00.
$45.00 Costumes for $20.00.

Jackets

$10.00 Jackets for $6.50
$12.50 Jackets for $9.50.
$17.50 Jackets for $12.50
$25.00 Jackets for $17.50

Heptonette Raincoats

Half Price.

Furs

Muffs—American Sable. Regular $2.50. January sale $1.00.
Mink Muffs. Regular $35.00. January sale $15.00.
Mink Muffs. Regular $25.00. January Sale, $12.50.
Fox Muffs. Regular $17.50, $20.00 and $24.50. January sale $12.50.
Alaska Sable Muffs—10.00 ones for $5.00; $12.50 ones for $6.25; $15.00 ones for $7.50.

Japanese Martin Ruffs

Regular $7.50. January sale $4.75.
Japanese Marten Ruffs, stole effect. Regular $12.50. January sale, $6.75.

Ladies' Wool Underwear

A great offering of Natural Wool Underwear. Regular prices $1.00, $1.15 and $1.25 For this sale 75c. each.
Three qualities to choose from at this price.
Fine Natural Wool Vests and Drawers. Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4.
Fine soft make Natural Wool Vests and Drawers, a little heavier than the above line.
Also Extra Heavy Natural Wool Vests and Drawers. All at 75c. per Garment.
75c. Scotch Wool Vests and Drawers for 35c. This is a heavy but soft make of Scotch Wool Underwear. Style of drawers, closed. Regular 75c for 35c.
We find this line a little too heavy for ordinary selling, hence the extra reduction.
50c. Scotch Underwear for 25c. Ladies' Vests and Drawers, plain and shaped. Extra heavy wool and cotton mixed. Regular 50c., for 25c.
The "Sanitary" Wool Vests and Drawers. Regular price $1.50 for 75c.
Ladies' Light Weight Grey Merino Vests and Drawers. Sale price 50c.
Swiss Ribbed Vests and Drawers. Regular price $2.25, for $1.25. Colors, pink, sky and black. This is the finest quality of Swiss Underwear for ladies we have and is a great bargain at $1.25.
Ribbed Underwear for ladies and girls much reduced.
Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Drawers. Were 25c. At 15c.
Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Drawers. Were 35c. At 25c.
Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Drawers. Were 50c. At 35c.
Girls' Vests and Drawers.
Girls' Ribbed Vests, long sleeves. Were 10c. At 5c.
Girls' Ribbed Vests, long sleeves. Were 20c. At 10c.
Girls' Ribbed Vests and Drawers. Were 25c. At 15c.
Ladies' Natural Colored All Wool Vests, short sleeves. Regular 25c., 30c. and 35c. each. At this sale 15c. each.

Children's Jackets

Three-Quarter and Full Lengths. An assortment hard to duplicate even at the beginning of the season. Jackets made of all this season's fashionable cloths, viz., plaid lined tweeds and zibelines, and also plain cloths. Prices as follows:
$1.75 Coats for $1.25.
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$4.50 Coats for $3.50.
$5.00 ones for $3.75.
$5.50 Coats for $4.00.
$6.00 Coats for $4.25.
$7.00 Coats for $5.00.
$8.00 Coats for $6.00.
$9.00 Coats for $6.50.
$10.00 Coats for $6.50.
$11.00 Coats for $7.00.
$12.50 Coats for $7.50.
$13.50 Coats for $8.50.
$14.50 Coats for $8.50.
$15.00 Coats for $8.50.
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Local News.

Private Classes.—Miss Rhodes, late of London University, England, will reopen her private classes at the Studio, Cadboro Bay road, today.

Chinese Labor.—The Chinese labor question will be the subject of debate at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Debating Society on Saturday.

Sunday Evening Lecture.—R. H. Kneeshaw spoke last night in the A. O. U. W. hall before a large audience on the "Absurdities of Belief and Unbelief."

The Lucky Coupon.—E. J. Janes, of North Park street, holder of coupon No. 245, won the diamond ring drawn for at Shakespeare's jewelry store, New Year's Eve.

C. O. F. Meeting.—A special meeting of Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, will be held in Sir William Wallace hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The election and installation of officers will take place. All members are invited to attend.

Training Hard.—The naval men are training hard for their meeting at the Philharmonic hall on Thursday next. They say they have more than one surprise in store and the contest between Mead and Clemens, the two Gratton bantams, neither of whom has as yet been beaten, is expected to be one of the best fights that has ever been seen here.

At a Ripe Age.—Mrs. Ada Harington died on Sunday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Tharks, Oak Bay avenue. Deceased was 74 years of age and a native of Clifton, Bristol, England. She was the relict of the late Rev. Edward Templer Harington, vicar of Exmouth, Devonshire, England. The funeral will take place from the residence today at 10:30 a. m., and at 11 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral.

Socialist Meeting.—At the regular public meeting of the socialist party in Labor hall, Sunday evening, Mrs. C. T. Clayton, a prominent local woman socialist, delivered an address on "Socialism and the Home." Upon this subject the speaker referred to woman's place in the socialist movement, but as a rule women have not been and are not much interested in the study of socialism. They think that it is all politics and they do not know much about politics and seem to care less.

Successful Sale.—The auction sale at Swan Lake yesterday, by W. T. Hardaker, auctioneer, was one of the most successful held by him for years. The stock all brought high prices, one mare going up as high as $150, while a colt but one year old, brought $60. Mr. Hardaker sells the contents of the Pritchard house today, commencing at 11 a. m.

Fruit-Growers' Convention.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association will be held in the city hall, New Westminster, on Thursday and Friday. The programme includes papers by the following: Maxwell Smith, "Benefits of Fruit Inspection"; A. C. Wells, "Mutual Fire Insurance"; W. J. Brandrith, "How to Paint a Tree"; Thos. Cunningham, "Care of the Orchard"; Thos. G. Earle, "Apple Growing in Interior"; J. W. White, "Strawberry Growing"; R. M. Palmer, "Fruit Markets in the Northwest"; H. Kipp, "Apple and Pear Growing in Lower Fraser"; W. J. Brandish, "The Cultivation of the Raspberry."

A Vancouver Wedding.—The Vancouver News-Adverstiser has the following notice of a recent wedding in the Terminal City: "A quiet wedding of more than usual interest was performed at noon on New Year's Day in St. Andrew's church, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, M. A., the contracting parties being Dr. Joseph Baxter Hart, of Mount Pleasant, and Miss Margaret Amelia Clendenning, late lady superintendent of the Vancouver General hospital. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the function. After the beautiful simple marriage ceremony they left on the steamer Charmer for Victoria, on a brief honeymoon trip. On their return to Vancouver they will take up their residence on Mount Pleasant."

New Weekly.—Charles H. Lugrin has publicly announced that he will shortly commence the publication of a weekly newspaper in this city. He says: "I propose to issue in this city a weekly periodical to be called "Progress." It will be devoted to the general advancement of British Columbia interests, with special reference to matters affecting Victoria, Vancouver island and those parts of the province from which this city must look for the development of its trade. It will pay special attention to literary, social and personal matters. Public questions will be freely discussed from a non-partisan standpoint, and the effort will be made to express and stimulate public opinion on all subjects affecting the welfare of the people. "Progress" will at the outset be an eight-page, five-column paper."

"Bonnie Brier Bush."—J. H. Stoddart, the veteran actor and his excellent company will tomorrow and Thursday evenings present at the Victoria theatre "The Bonnie Brier Bush." All of those familiar with the charming stories of Ian MacLaren, as well as those who know Mr. Stoddart, through his previous impersonations, can easily see why the piece made such a pronounced success in New York city. The critics there were all of the opinion that dramatist James MacArthur has carefully preserved the atmosphere which forms the larger part of the beauty in the Kaleyard stories. However, it is in the character of Lachlan Campbell, portrayed by Mr. Stoddart, that the chief interest of the play centres. Campbell, it will be remembered, is a typical Scotch elder, who allows his narrow interpretation of his creed to take precedence over his love for his daughter.

Baxter Hive.—Ladies of Baxter Hive, No. 8, I. O. T. M., will remember the regular review this evening at 8 o'clock at Semple's hall, Victoria West.

Friendly Help.—The regular monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held in the rooms, Market hall, today.

More Names.—This year's municipal voters' list shows a very substantial increase over that of 1903, there being upwards of 400 additional names on the mayor's list.

New School Books.—Yesterday when the scholars assembled in the class rooms to resume study after vacation, a list of the new books required by the promoted was posted on the blackboards. No work was done yesterday. It commences in earnest this morning.

I. O. O. F. Masquerade.—On Thursday evening next a meeting of the general committee having in hand the masquerade ball to be given on January 15th by the I. O. O. F., will be held to further arrangements. The event promises to be a decided success.

Collegiate School.—An entrance scholarship for new day scholars will be competed for on Tuesday, January 12th., at 9:30 a. m., at the school. Subjects: Bible history, English grammar, dictation, spelling, English and Canadian history, geography and arithmetic. Candidates are requested to send their names and ages to the head master during this week.

Church Social.—Another of the series of socials held in St. John's schoolroom, Herald street, will take place this evening at 8 o'clock. On this occasion the programme and entertainment is under the management of the younger members of the congregation. The St. John's socials have hitherto been most successful, and it is hoped that this one will be equally so and that an enjoyable evening will be spent by all who attend.

Goes Via 'Frisco.—Victoria is going to be deprived of the pleasure of a visit from "Elijah" the Prophet. John Alexander Dowie, accompanied by four of the leaders in Zion City, has started on his trip around the world. Dowie will first visit New Orleans, where he will remain for a week. Then he will proceed to San Francisco, embarking for Australia on January 21st. It was asserted that it was the original intention of Mr. Dowie to sail for Australia via Victoria.

Week of Prayer.—The annual week of prayer is being observed this week. The meetings are being held in the Congregational church, Pandora street, each evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The subject for this evening is "The Church and Young People." The chair will be taken by Rev. D. MacRae and the Rev. W. C. King and Mr. George Carter are expected to give addresses. The meetings only last one hour, and should prove both interesting and profitable.

News Displeased Him.—Yesterday afternoon a Chinaman joined the group reading the news bulletin posted on the wall on the Government street side of Chinatown. After scanning the red papers for a while John burst out swearing, gave the wall a hard kick, then tore the bulletin to pieces and stamped on the fragments. Enquiry brought the information that the bulletin announced the results in a lottery, and that John had lost a good deal on the same.

Ministerial Association.—There was a large attendance at a meeting of the Ministerial Association held yesterday morning at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. R. B. Blyth; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. P. Westman. After the transaction of business, Rev. Mark Guy Pearse was introduced, and gave a very interesting address on mission work in West London. In the course of his remarks he emphasized the necessity of the church having proof of the result of its work, or lose faith in itself and cause the world also to lose faith.

Christmas at Lake District.—A very fine Christmas tree was given to the children of the Prospect Lake school on Tuesday evening, December 29. In connection with the tree a very good programme of songs and recitations was given by the children and adults. It was interesting to note what excellent memories the children have. A bountiful supper was supplied by the ladies of the district, and almost a hundred persons sat down to the table and enjoyed themselves. H. E. Tanner, M. P. P. for the district, was present, and gave a few appropriate remarks at the close of the concert.

St. Ann's Academy.—St. Ann's Academy opens this morning for the spring and summer session, the pupils having had a pleasant Christmas vacation and now looking forward to good, steady hard work. In addition to the usual classes conducted by the Sisters, the department for shorthand and typewriting will be continued this term, as the results from the past year or two have been very satisfactory. It would be well, though, for intending students in this branch to commence at once, as by so doing they derive the mutual advantage of all working on the same level and standard which is not possible where a late start is made.

Held Meeting.—Last evening a meeting was held of the friends and the election committee of Mr. W. MacKay, when arrangements were completed for the holding of a mass meeting on Thursday evening next in Labor hall, to be addressed by Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, the fair wage advocate, and other prominent speakers. Mr. O'Donoghue is one of the best posted men on labor matters on the continent, and a most interesting speaker. No one should miss this opportunity of hearing so great an authority express himself on the question. Everybody will be welcome. Mr. O'Donoghue leaves for the East the following morning.

Charity Concert.—Arrangements are about completed for the charity concert to be given in Semple's hall, on Friday evening next, beginning at 8 p. m. A choice and rare selection of songs by the four leading vocalists of the city will be given assisted by the talented and refined mandolist, A. K. Prince, and the great guitarist, G. L. Daniels. These men can do wonderful things with their instruments. In their skilled hands these oft-despised musical machines do everything but speak. All who can arrange to hear them should do so without fail as it is seldom such an opportunity is given. To hear Prince's whistling accompaniments is worth more than the price of admission. They sing beautifully and accompany themselves in choice selections from many different climes. Come out, enjoy yourselves and begin the New Year by assisting a deserving and laudable object.

Often the items of "news" in the paper which will have the most vital interest for you will be found among the want advs.

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Infant's Death.—The death occurred at Comox on Sunday, January 3rd last, of Agnes Marie Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harvey.

Travel Increasing.—Quite a noticeable increase has taken place in the passenger traffic on the Victoria and Sidney railway. Yesterday morning's train was completely filled with outward bound passengers.

Hydrographic Work.—Captain Walbran, who has been engaged for the last three weeks on hydrographical work for the marine department at Ottawa, commenced further duties in the same branch at the marine and fisheries department in this city on the 1st inst.

Union Meetings.—Laborers' and Blacksmiths' unions will hold meetings this evening in Labor hall for the election of officers. A general meeting of the Trades and Labor council has been summoned for tomorrow evening when officers will be elected for the ensuing term.

Offers Big Reward.—J. M. Langley, chief of police, is giving notice in this issue of the Colonist that he will give $1,000 reward to the party or parties who will furnish information to Andrew Ferguson or himself which will lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, who was last seen at the Dominion hotel in this city on December 19th last.

Clarks Pork and Beans. Good at anytime, but better in the cold weather. Plain or with chile or homato sauce, 5c and 10c tins.

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SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER HOLIDAYS

Interesting Commencement Day Exercises Are Held at the Public Schools.

Commencement exercises were held at the various public schools yesterday on the conclusion of the Christmas holidays. At the North Ward school a large number of friends and relatives of the pupils assembled and enjoyed an appropriate programme. Considerable elation was felt at the fact that the North Ward pupils had made such an excellent showing during the recent examinations, Miss Van Saut coming in for a well-deserved share of praise for her splendid achievements.

At the South Park school commencement day exercises speeches of congratulation were made by ex-Mayor Redfern, Rev. W. L. Clay and Mr. Joale. Although no trustee or inspector was present about 200 friends showed their interest in the school by putting in an appearance at the half-yearly function. A great "hit" was made by Master Alexander in his original Scottish recitation in which each teacher of the staff received a sly hit.

The prize list was as follows: Maud Gertrude Sullivan, "head of school," first in proficiency, first in nature study, first in Canadian History.

Tillman Alfred Briggs, first in English literature, first in geography.

Florence Georgina Spencer, first in arithmetic, first in reading.

Winnifred Greig, first in grammar and composition, first in writing.

Constance Elinor Fisher, first in British history.

Dorothy Olivia McTavish, first in spelling.

John Stanley Flett, second in general proficiency.

Ethel May Abery, second in British history, second in reading, second in literature.

Archibald A. Boyd, second in Canadian history.

Catherine Adelaide Munsie, second in reading.

Robert Tindel Mackay, arithmetic.

Ralph Carmichael Bamford, nature study.

James Petticrew, British and Canadian history.

Eugenie Clair Hewartson, first in drawing.

Elsie Sparrow, head of division two.

Lawrence Brunell, composition, division three.

NEW ORGANIST AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Mr. W. B. Gibbons Late of Tacoma Made His Initial Appearance on Sunday.

The resignation of W. B. Gibbons as organist of the First Congregational church, says the Tacoma Ledger, was received with the deepest regret by the trustees and congregation.

Mr. Gibbons came to Tacoma two years ago from Valparaiso, Chili, where he had held a prominent position in musical circles. He has been in charge of the Congregational church organ and choir for nearly a year and a half, and the little organ recitals given by him at the close of each evening service have been extremely popular and delightful.

Mr. Gibson has accepted the position of organist at St. John's church, Victoria, B. C., and will remove there with his family. For the present he will continue to teach and direct the chorus of the Ladies' Musical Club, coming down every week for that purpose.

At the close of the evening service at St. John's church last Sunday, Mr. Gibbons played the following selections: Allegro Vivace (fourth sonata), Mendelssohn; Larghetto (clarinet concerto), Mozart; "God Save the King" (coronation anthem), Handel, and created a most favorable impression. Indeed, it is safe to say that Victoria now possesses an organist who would take front rank in any city on this Coast.

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE WILL CASE

Dr. Dane in the Witness Box in Case of Hopper vs Dunsmuir.

The Supreme court trial of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was resumed before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday morning. The whole day was taken up in examination and cross-examination of Dr. Davie and the same gentleman goes up for re-direct examination this morning at 11 o'clock.

E. P. Davis, K. C., called Dr. J. C. Davie of this city. Witness knew A. Dunsmuir for about ten or twelve years previous to his death. First treated him professionally about ten years ago for influenza and last saw him in 1898. Met Alexander Dunsmuir frequently at the Union club. Attended Alexander Dunsmuir again in 1898, from August 21st to August 31st inclusive every day, and on September 1st, 3rd and 5th. Alexander Dunsmuir was then at Craigdarroch. Found him in bed suffering from alcoholism, stomach derangement, vomiting, loss of appetite, liver trouble, had a great deal of alcoholic tremor and was bordering on delirium tremens. Treated him by immediately stopping supply of alcohol and gave remedies to get rid of supply of alcohol in patient. It was not always safe to stop supply, but depends on strength. Alexander Dunsmuir had very strong constitution and could stand sudden stoppage. The result of treatment was that at the end of forty-eight hours patient was in a pitiable condition of tremor. Combatted this with drugs. He then commenced to recover very rapidly; his recuperative powers were first class and he got up in about ten days after witness started treating him. Last saw him on Government street, accompanied by Dr. Thorne and found him in first-class physical condition.

Witness had read Dr. Huntington's evidence of his examination of Alexander Dunsmuir on December 8, 1899, and assuming the evidence to be true, there is nothing remarkable in the fact that that witness found Alexander Dunsmuir in such a good state of health.

The condition of Alexander Dunsmuir's mind on September 5, 1898, was first-rate. There was nothing ever wrong in witness' opinion with Alexander Dunsmuir's mental condition.

When Alexander Dunsmuir was ill his speech was articulated with difficulty; but when he was recovered it became normal. He did not exhibit any symptoms of mental derangement. Alexander Dunsmuir had no allusions as far as witness saw or knew.

Wintsse stated that he should not be surprised to hear Alexander Dunsmuir had allusions at that time because he was bordering on delirium tremens. His having delusions at that time did not at all prejudice the case. He might be and was perfectly sane after recovery. When witness met Alexander Dunsmuir on Government street with Dr. Thorne he was walking and walking well.

Witness defined alcoholic dementia and stated that the effect of liquor was not by any means the same on different men and no physician was a prophet to say what would or would not happen to a man who persisted in the use of liquor.

Witness' opinion was that more drinkers died from liver and stomach troubles than from alcoholic dementia, and very rarely from the latter from witness' own experience.

Alexander Dunsmuir had not Bright's disease at the time witness attended him. He could not have had the disease five years previously.

Witness did not believe there was such a thing as a brain expert—the subject was so ill understood.

Alexander Dunsmuir's mind was perfectly normal when he was recovered, in fact far better than witness had ever known him.

E. P. Davis, K. C., read from Dr. Marshall's evidence, New York commission, and asked if the general use of liquor brought on locomotor ataxia, as stated by Dr. Marshall. Witness stated that was a statement which showed that witness did not know what he was talking about. Locomotor ataxia was a disease or state of the spinal cord, and not of the mind at all.

Witness had read Dr. Culvert's evidence, New York commission, and E. P. Davis, K. C., proceeded to read the evidence to the court.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., objected, but his lordship allowed Mr. Davis to proceed.

Witness stated that the symptoms themselves, as outlined in the evidence, did not necessarily mean that Alexander Dunsmuir had alcoholic dementia. It was consistent with the symptoms that patient had been on a protracted spree; it was impossible to tell without knowing full details of history of the case for a considerable period before.

Mr. Davis then asked a hypothetical question outlining the state of Alexander Dunsmuir's health during the last few months of his life, as given in evidence by witnesses for the defence. Witness replied he could not make a diagnosis in such a case, but would know it could not be a case of alcoholic dementia. Another hypothetical question re Dr. Huntingdon's examination was asked, and, assuming same to be true, witness stated that, if such were true, such a man could not die of dementia; it was an impossibility.

Mr. Davis read another of Dr. Culvert's statements re Alexander Dunsmuir's affection to Mrs. Hopper, and at the same time diagnosed his condition as that of alcoholic dementia, witness said the idea was ridiculous, as a man was incapable of showing affection in such a condition.

Several more questions were asked on the same evidence and replied to by witness that such symptoms were not necessarily symptoms of alcoholic dementia.

Mr. Davis read portions of Dr. Dumont's evidence, New York commission, re the symptoms of Alexander Dunsmuir. The symptoms themselves were worthless to diagnose alcoholic dementia, and were perfectly consistent for many other conditions. Witness would not for one second diagnose any case from the symptoms alone.

There was nothing inconsistent in the examination of Dr. Huntingdon and his opinion of Alexander Dunsmuir's condition, and the fact that Alexander Dunsmuir died about seven weeks after of alcoholic meningitis.

At the time witness treated Alexander Dunsmuir, he had not alcoholic dementia. Generally speaking it takes years to become acute, always more than one year.

Cross-examined by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., witness stated the meningitis was not a common form of disease and was generally present in a case of alcoholic dementia.

Witness objected to be used as a text book. He gave symptoms of acute meningitis and showed the difference between chronic and acute.

Witness was then asked a long hypothetical question, and replied that he could not take out of his (Dr. Davies') mind his own personal knowledge of the case. However, assuming there was no return to sensibility such a man had dementia.

The court then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch E. V. Bodwell, K. C., continued the cross-examination of Dr. Dane. Witness stated that if the cause is taken away in dementia (if it exists) the wasting away of the brain would continue, and further stated that an immense subject for discussion was opened up by such questions.

Witness stated that he did not think any alcoholic patient would get dementia unless such a person had, through heredity, a weak brain. Alcoholism attacks the physical system first in the greater number of cases.

Witness thought the opinion of the general practitioner was far clearer than that of alienists, who only see a certain class, viz: those who have become demented or insane.

Witness denied that Dr. Janeway had ever stated that Alex. Dunsmuir had dementia, and Dr. Janeway's evidence was read, and showed that, as witness pointed out from the language, Alex. Dunsmuir had not dementia, as Dr. Janeway said at the time he had hopes of the patient's recovery and if there was hope of recovery there could be no dementia.

More argument here took place between counsel and witness. Witness stuck to his point that Dr. Janeway's evidence plainly showed that, in his opinion, Alex. Dunsmuir had not dementia, and when he used the word dementia he qualified it afterwards in the context.

The discussion on Dr. Janeway's evidence continued for considerably over an hour.

Mr. Bodwell recalled the case of a man who was sent to the asylum from here and whom the witness attended, and who attended to his business up to the day before. Witness stated that such a man's business transactions for a month before were not to be trusted.

Knew Mrs. A. Dunsmuir; examined her for cancer at the request of Mr. James Dunsmuir at his house. Found she had very advanced cancer; the operation had been deferred too long, and recommended she could go back at once.

The court then adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE RING.

A Boxing School.

Caesar Attell, the well known boxer and winner of a good many hard contests in this city, wants to open up a boxing school in Victoria for young men who wish to acquire a working knowledge of boxing. Attell is well qualified by experience for the job, and in the opinion of ring devotees should make a capable instructor.

Ruffled Roberts Dignity.

Geo. A. Blumenthal, manager of the West End theatre, New York, sues Robert Fitzsimmons on the following grounds: "I held a five years' contract with Julia Gifford," wails Mr. Blumenthal, "and it provided that she should do nothing whereby her artistic worth should be lessened. She married Fitzsimmons, which I construe a direct violation of this clause. For this reason I seek to collect $5,000 damages from her."

Selger After Gregg.

Because Indian Joe Gregg has been commenting sarcastically upon Charles Selger's ability as a fighter, the Italian wants to make a match to prove to Mr. Lo Gregg how completely mistaken he is about Selger. He will make a side bet of $500 or fight Gregg, winner take all, at 133 or 135 pounds. G. Gregg will make the fight and stay 20 rounds. Selger offers as an alternative to make Gregg a present of the entire proceeds.

BASKETBALL.

Y. M. C. A. Working.

For their match at the Drill Hall next Saturday evening, the Y. M. C. A. team are training faithfully under skilled direction. The men are now in good form, and should play a first rate game on Saturday. Many believe that this will be the best game of this season.

Westminster Lady Players.

A team from the Royal City (New Westminster) Young Ladies Basketball Association, will arrive in the city on Friday evening, and play a return match with the ladies of the Victoria Young Ladies' Basketball Club on Saturday, the 9th instant. The game is under the patronage of His Worship, Mayor McCandless. The visiting ladies and their friends will be entertained on the night of their arrival by the home club, and on Saturday will be shown around the city. A banquet will be given in their honor after the match.

Popular at Seattle.

No fewer than 75 young ladies of Seattle have striven to get places on the Seattle High School basketball team, and only the stars of this bright galaxy have been chosen to represent the school. The game is gaining great popularity in Seattle. There is now talk of matches between Washington State and British Columbia teams.

GOLF.

Medal Competition.

The results of the third monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club, are as follows:

Ladies.

Name.	Score.	H'n'c'p.	Result.
Miss Todd	106	30	76
Mrs. Holland	97	18	79
Mrs. Martin	100	17	83
Mrs. A. W. Jones	99	16	83
Miss Mara	114	30	84
Mrs. Burton	96	11	85
Mrs. Crow Baker	113	28	85
Miss Bell	123	35	88
Miss Langley	116	24	92
Miss Powell	125	30	95
Mrs. Laing	118	22	96
Mrs. Lampman	127	30	97
Miss Crease	121	24	97

Miss Hanington, Mrs. Langley, Miss Loewen, Mrs. Combe and Miss Drake returned no scores.

Gentlemen.

Name.	Score.	H'n'c'p.	Result.
P. S. Lampman	106	25	81
H. Combe	80	2	82
H. Goldfinch	82	8	82
W. F. Burton	95	11	84
C. Cookson	98	13	85
H. Burroughes	105	20	85
Major A. W. Jones	99	14	85
C. N. Cobbett	86	8	86
C. Stahlschmidt	99	12	87
Capt. Davidson	87	8	87
C. W. Rhodes	100	20	89
W. Ambery	114	24	90
L. Crease	116	25	91
W. H. Langley	104	13	91
D. M. Rogers	117	25	92
R. H. Pooley	107	14	93
B. G. Goward	111	18	93

L. O. Garnett, A. G. Smith, F. C. Gamble V. F. Cronyn, H. Robertson, A. Crease, H. M. Lamb returned no scores.

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Victoria	9:00	12:05	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
Arv. Wellington	12:53	Lv. 8:00	Ar. Wellington	7:03	Lv. 3:00

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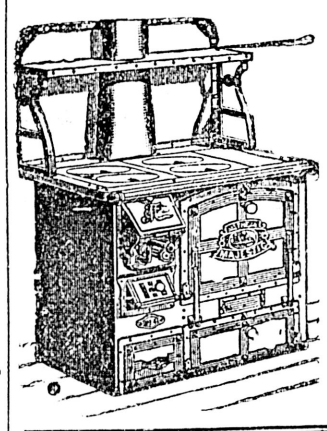

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Jan. 4.—Today's stock market was much less subject to the influence of war news than on Saturday. The feeling that some other event than an outbreak of war between Russia and Japan might be overhanging. The market had something to do with the sharp reaction from the early bulge. The recoveries of the first hour were quite violent in some cases and were quite generally as much as one to two points. All but a small portion of these gains were lost in the second hour. The satisfactory outlook in the money market was the factor in the final hardening of the stock market, which left a fair showing of net gains at the end of the day. Sterling exchange stiffened sharply today, and no engagements of gold for import were reported locally, but London advices stated that receipts there of $1,250,000 of gold had all been secured for New York. United States Steel preferred was a leading feature in the speculation owing to the dividend meeting to be held tomorrow. The reopening of the anthracite mines after a ten days' shut down, was a help to the Coalers. The market closed fairly steady, but very dull. Bonds were heavy with slight recoveries at some points. Total sales, par value, $2,430,000.

New York, Jan. 4.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	48¾
American Locomotive	16¾
American Sugar Refining Co.	125
American Smelting & Refining	48
American Car & Foundry	19
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	67⅞
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd	89½
Baltimore & Ohio	75⅜
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	39
Chicago & Alton	34¼
Canadian Pacific	117⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	32¾
Chicago & Northwestern	166¼
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	143½
Colorado Southern	15
Consolidated Gas, New York	191
Colorado Fuel & Iron	29
Delaware & Hudson	163
Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic pfd.	13¼
General Electric	170½
Kansas & Texas	17
Kansas & Texas pfd	38¼
Louisville & Nashville	107¼
Manhattan Elevated	142¼
Missouri Pacific	81¼
Minn., St. UP. & S. St. M.	55
Metropolitan Traction	122
New York Central	118¾
Erie Railway	28¼
Erie Railway 1st pfd	67
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	50
New York, Ontario & Western	21⅝
Norfolk & Western	57¼
Pennsylvania Railway	117⅞
Pressed Steel	28
People's Gas	96¾
Philadelphia & Reading	44⅝
Rock Island Certificates	23¾
Southern Railway	20
Southern Pacific	48
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36¾
Texas & Pacific	24¾
Twin City	89¾
United States Leather	7¼
United States Steel	11¾
United States Steel pfd	56⅝
Union Pacific	78¾
Wabash Railway pfd	36¼
Western Union Telegraph Co.	87
Wisconsin Central	16⅝
Wisconsin Central pfd	38¼
American Ice	8⅝
C. P. R. in London	121⅝
Commercial Cable	166

New York, Jan. 4. — Pig iron, quiet; Northern, $13.50 to $16; Southern, $12 to $14; copper, quiet at $12.37½ to $12.62½; lead, firm, $4.37½; tin, strong; straits, $29.25 to $29.75; plates, market strong; spelter, firm; domestic, $5.

London, Jan. 4.—Consols for money, 87¼; consols for account, 88⅛.

New York, Jan. 4.—Lead, $4.25.

London, Jan. 4.—Lead, £11 7s 6d.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—The local copper market was regular today and quiet.

Local Produce Market

Local dealers are offering hay and grain at the following prices on dock here:

Oats, per ton	$ 26
Hay, B. C., per ton	14 00
Hay, Island, per ton	15 00
Wheat, per ton	30 00
Potatoes, per ton	15 00
Straw, per ton	10 00

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver, Sunday: F. G. Nesbitt, Mr. Searles, J. F. Doble, Miss Rennie, W. Brown, Mr. Keith, N. Jones, Mr. Amsbury, H. J. Thomson Miss Polson, R. Wilson, Mr. Glass, F. Galiger, G. Rusden, Mr. Marshall, Sir Chas. Tupper, D. C. McGregor, Mr. Williamson, R. Lambert, C. W. Stears, Mr. Litson, Capt. McKenzie, Mr. Tacher, W. A. Cutler, Mrs. Steers, Mr. Steers, Miss Steele, J. Doe Mr. McConnell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Gillis N. Wertson, Miss Kean, R. George, Mrs. Croft, Mr. Hose, R. A. Jackson F. Core Mrs. Seavan, Mr. Seavan, Mr. Rhodes, D. Willis, J. Ramsay, T. A. Campbell, J. A. Fairburn, Mr. McMillan, E. Hughes, G. A. D. Fulton, F. G. Anderson, Mrs. T. C. Hubbard, D. Angus, Mrs. M. A. Vigor, B. Nicholas, Mr. Marshall, Chas. Wilson, W. H. P| Clement, Mr. Taylor, Miss Jones, F. McColl, Thos. Spark, Geo. Robertson, J. Fulton Jas. Fagan, Capt. Ettershank.

Passengers per steamer Princess Beatrice, Vancouver, Monday: Mr. O'Neill, E. V. Dangerfield, G. Cave, J. Schlater, F. H. Thompson, F. Marchant, R. E. Bullock, J. E. Mable, J. G. Vanmurce, Miss Peterson, M. Brich, S. G. Peele, Justice Irving, J. E. Barsham, W. J. Powell, Miss Divine, D. Somerville, Thos. Cown, J. T. Briden, Mrs. Connie, A. Slingfleet, W. R. Pooley, W. D. Jack, J. Jack, A. C. Jack, J. E. Wood, R. H. Glover J. F. Rafer, S. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Cunningham, N. Copurne, W. L. Phillips, Mrs. J. Shaluer, J. Shadwell, J. J. Nicholson, T. Nicholson, Mrs. Lester, Mr. Miller.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Jan. 4th.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer pressure is highest on the Californian coast. Light rain has fallen west of the Cascades and light snow in the American plateau district, where several inches now cover the ground. The weather has been chiefly fair and somewhat colder. East of the Rockies the pressure has rapidly decreased and the recent high barometer area is now central in the region of the Great Lakes. Fair weather has prevailed and temperatures have greatly moderated.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	45
New Westminster	38	42
Kamloops	30	34
Barkerville	6	24
Dawson	—10	— 4
Calgary	6	24
Winnipeg	—20	14
Portland, Ore.	42	48
San Francisco	50	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly westerly, generally fair with stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 3.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	42	Mean	44
Noon	44	Highest	47
5 p.m.	45	Lowest	42

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. .... 12 miles east.
Noon .... Calm.
5 p.m. .... 8 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Showery.
Rain—.05 inches.
Sunshine—1 hour 18 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 29.846
Corrected 29.886

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 29.98

MONDAY, JAN. 4.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	43	Mean	43
Noon	45	Highest	45
5 p.m.	46	Lowest	41

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. .... 8 miles west.
Noon .... 8 miles west.
5 p.m. .... 10 miles west.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—.13 inch.
Sunshine—3 hours.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.032
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NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.14

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The Canadian Pacific railway sold last year from its subsidy land nearly 2,600,000 acres at a price averaging less than $4 an acre. In the previous year it sold less than 1,600,000 acres at a price averaging a little over $3 an acre.

B. W. Findon, a nephew of the composer, is writing a new biography of Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Lord Lamington, who took up his office as Governor of Bombay the other day, has had considerable experience in Colonial work. He was Governor of Queensland during a time of peculiar difficulty and danger, but filled his position with success, and made himself very popular. Now, after a short stay in the old country, he is off to Bombay, where he will be in near proximity to his close and warm friend Lord Curzon, with whom he has been on intimate terms since boyhood. As Governor of Bombay he will be, however, largely independent of the Viceroy. In earlier life (he is only just forty) Lord Lamington was a private secretary to the late Lord Salisbury.

Fifth Regiment Smoker.—Last evening at the A. O. U. W. hall the members of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., held their first regimental smoker, the affair taking the place of the regular annual ball. The concert was attended by a very large number of the men and the programme was a source of surprises, consisting of songs, quartettes, boxing, dancing, sketches, drawing, etc., a lot of novelties not to be forgotten. Liut.-Colonel Hall, the popular commander of the regiment presided, and there were present Major Hibben, Captains McConnan, Langley, Wilson and Lieuts. McTavish, Harris, Winsby and Patton. At the close Lieut.-Colonel Hall called for three cheers for the committee who did the hard work in connection and complimented them on what he termed to be the most successful smoking concert he had ever attended. "God Save the King," sung by the men with great spirit, brought the affair to a close at midnight.

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All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY.
Land Commissioner.

NOTICE.

Tenders will be received up to the 28th December, 1903, for the purchase of:

(1.) Stock-in-trade and good will of store and saloon business lately carried on by J. T Porter at Cobble Hill.

(2.) Hotel, store, etc., and property at Cobble Hill, lately occupied by J. T. Porter.

(3.) Timber lands, Lot 10, Helmcken District, now known as 37 Malahat District containing 320 acres more or less.

Full particulars of above on application to Messrs Robertson & Robertson, Solicitors, Victoria, B. C., or the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

ALICE M. PORTER,
Executrix of the Estate of J. T. Porter,
Cobble Hill, B. C.

MORTGAGE SALE

Wednesday, January 6th, 1904.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated the 27th day of February, 1893, and registered on the 24th day of March, 1893, in Charge Book, Volume 11, Folio 795, and numbered 14365B, sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 6th day of January, 1904, for the purchase of the following property:

All those pieces or parcels of land lying and being situate in the city of Victoria, and more particularly known and numbered on the official map or plan of the said city as Lots eight hundred and eighty-eight (888) and eight hundred and eighty-nine (889.)

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For particulars apply to

ROBERT WARD & COMPANY, LTD.,
Agents for the Mortgagee.
Temple Building, Victoria, B. C.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

AGENCY—Large Scotch whisky distillers require active purchasing agent; liberal terms. Apply with references to Samuel Birch & Co., 11 Adam St., Strand, London. j5

WANTED—Male assistant in Cumberland School. Apply Thomas H. Carey, Secretary. d25

WANTED — An Experienced wholesale hardware salesman, to do special work. Address "Salesman," Colonist. d24

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—Five to twenty acres, not more than five miles from Victoria, for cash. Apply Land, this office. j3

WANTED—A post by a young English gentleman who has had a thorough commercial and agricultural training. Apply "Up-to-Date," Colonist office. d31

WANTED FOR CASH — Two matured shares in Dominion Co-operative Association. State terms, to "Alex," Colonist office. o10

WANTED—Second hand typewriter; must be cheap for cash. Apply Room 31 Board of Trade Building. d8

WE WOULD LIKE to put a copy of The Advertising World into the hands of every person who keeps any kind of a store. May we have your address?—The Advertising World, Columbus, Ohio. a22

WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED TO RENT—An eight-roomed modern house. Upper Fort, Yates or Pandora streets preferred. Permanent tenant. Address X. O. Q., this office.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

LADY DESIRES ENGAGEMENT as lady nurse or help. Excellent needlewoman; good references. Apply K. D., Colonist office. j1

REQUIRED—A position as governess; English, French, Drawing, Music. Good references. Country preferred. 1 Richardson street. d27

A LADY CAN RECOMMEND a very good dressmaker. Daily work at lady's home. Apply 1 Richardson street. d27

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

WANTED — Situation as coachman or coachman and gardener; thoroughly understands the work as such. City references. Address Coachman, Colonist office. j3

WANTED—Reliable men, $60 per month and expenses $2.50 per day, to reliable men in every locality introducing our goods, tacking up show cards on trees, fences, along roads, and all conspicuous places; steady employment to good honest, capable men; no experience needful. Write at once for particulars. The Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont. d22

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—For Victoria West, three general servants; good wages; also two nurse girls about 14 years (city.) Apply 1 Richardson street. j5

WANTEDJ—General servant. Apply Mrs. A. R. Wolfenden, Dunsmuir road. j3

WANTED—A first class female cook. Mrs. Wilson, Rougemont, Linden avenue. j3

WANTED—Four lady canvassers at salary; $60 per month. Local firms. Address Canvasser, Colonist office. j1

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE — Established since 1894. Wanted reliable servants for good situations. 54 Fort street. d20

WANTED—A house and parlor maid, experienced. References required. 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12. d15

WANTED—Competent nurse; also laundry maid for upper country. Address Comfort, Colonist office. d9

MISCELLANEOUS.

SHAMPOOING, Scalp Treatment, etc., etc. Address Mrs. Monks, Hairdresser, Beaumont P. O. j5

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU—J. Devereux, 1 Richardson street. Hours 10-12:30 p.m. j5

TO LET—Store, Douglas street, good location; $20 per month. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. j5

TO LET—Store or office, Government St. Good location. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d30

TENDERS WANTED for cedar culvert, about 40 feet by 7 by 6; also about 420 cubic yards earth work. Particulars from T. M. English, Cowichan Station. d30

FOR SALE—Light express wagon. Apply 179 Douglas street. d11

FOR RENT—Cigar stand. Space for cigar stand; good location. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. o28

CHIMNEYS SWEPT from 50c. Smoky chimneys cured. No mess; 4 Broughton street. s29

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOMS.

WANTED—By lady engaged all day, warm bed-sitting room, with use of piano. Two minutes from post office. F. A., Colonist office. n21

WANTED—Board residence in hotel or private family, for three ladies and three children. State lowest weekly terms. Must be moderate. "L.", Colonist office.

EDUCATIONAL.

DRAWING AND PAINTING—Miss E. H. Woods will reopen her classes on Thursday, Jan. 7th. Apply for terms 28 North Park street. j5

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Bookkeeping thoroughly taught; also shorthand and typewriting. F. A. Macmillan, Principal. n4

PROF. E. G. WICKENS has removed from 15 Bellot street, to 97 Fort street (opp. Philharmonic Hall)) where he receives pupils for violin, 'cello, Piano, etc. Harmony and counterpoint. A few vacancies left. d15

DRESSMAKING.

DRESSES MADE from $4.00; blouses, 75c.; also children's dresses made at moderate prices. First class work guaranteed. Miss Kirkwood, 67 Kane street. d17

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES.

$2500—Five-roomed cotage, bath, conservatory and stable, Yates street. Apply V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort St. j1

TO LET—Comfortably furnished front rooms with use of kitchen, if required. 139 Michigan St., James Bay. d23

TO LET—Sunny front room with board. 45 Menzies, near Drill Hall. d13

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms, single or en suite. 170 Johnson street. o22

TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

FOR RENT—Good furnished house and acreage, near Duncans Station, for three months on very moderate terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. j1

TO RENT—Fully furnished house, with modern conveniences. Apply 8 Richardson street. d31

TO LET—Furnished cottage, Craigflower road, near Arm, eight minutes from car. Electric light, bathroom, pantry, three other rooms; $13, including water. Apply Beaumont Boggs. d25

TO LET—Seven room house, Esquimalt road, with acre of land. All modern, conveniences, just outside city limits. Rent $20. Heisterman & Co. d8

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—Ketch "Gabriola," 19 tons, complete, in good order, at Nanaimo. Apply Ch. J. Schultz, Nanaimo. d23

FOR SALE—Beautiful panel in water colors, our three cities represented by a local artist; nice for a present, at Sommers', Government street. d18

FOR SALE—200 canaries; fine singers, at Mrs. Lange, 84½ Douglas street, upstairs.

FOR SALE—$1500—50 acres, 16 under cultivation, 18 slashed, burnt and seeded, small house, barn and outbuildings. Can purchase live stock and implements. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. n22

FOR SALE—PROPERTY.

$210—Lot 50x200 feet, Fernwood Estate. Apply V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort street. j1

FOR SALE—Lots in Regent's Park Addition, from $450 and upwards. Apply V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort St. j1

GORGE ROAD—Two lots, one corner, one block from car line, assessed $1800. For sale $1325. Apply V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort street. j1

FOR QUICK SALES—List your city or country property with V. C. Commission Co, Real Estate, Insurance and Custom House Brokers, 23 Fort, S. E. cor Government street. j1

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A Gordon setter bitch, with name on collar. Any person harboring same after this date will be prosecuted. Finder will please return to 119 Douglas street.

LOST—Fur collar on Dallas road, between Moss street and Beacon Hill. Will finder kindly return to Colonist office or Miss Flumerfelt, Pemberton road? j5

LOST—A canvas covered day book, with red corners. Finder please return to Colonist office. Reward. j5

LOST—Black and white setter dog. Finder please return to 40 Government St. j3

LOST—Fort or Government street, leopard's claw stickpin, mounted in gold. Reward at Pemberton & Son's office. j3

LOST—On Yates or Douglas street, ladies' silver watch and chain. Reward given. W. Acton, Fell & Co. j3

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD—Lost, ring, bloodstone with crest. The finder can obtain the above reward by applying to the secretary Union Club. j1

LOST—A blue Great Dane dog, Miss May Dunsmuir's name on collar. Finder please return to Miss May Dunsmuir, Burleigh, Craigflower road, and receive reward. d30

LOST—A sealskin muff, on Thursday, December 24th. Reward for return to this office. d29

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

WANTED—A good fresh cow. Address Edgewood, Beaumont P. O. j5

FOR SALE—Two or three good fresh calved milch cows, very gentle. Good milkers. Apply H. Cogan, Sooke Road.

FOR SALE—Four year old Jersey cow, just calved. Apply Half Way House. j5

FOR SALE—Good sound horse, suitable for riding, driving and light farm work. McAnally, Mt. Tolmie P. O. j1

FOR SALE—Heavy draught colt, 3 years. Address R. E. Knowles, Sidney. j1

FOR SALE—Bay mare; good jumper, 14.3 hands. Apply Mr. Taylor, Vancouver street. j1

FOR SALE—Grand litter of Irish water spaniel puppies from the very best pedigreed stock. Price $10 each if taken at once. Thos. Plimley, Victoria, B. C.

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100 Lots $100 each, within 20 minutes of Post Office, on monthly installments of $10 each (interest 4 per cent only); soil rich black loam.

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40 Government St.

ROCKLAND AVENUE—Nearly new six-roomed cottage and two lots, a bargain. Apply V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort street. j1

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FOR SALE—$2,000—Six-roomed cottage and three lots, centrally located; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. s24

FOR SALE—Five-roomed cottage on Pioneer street, handy to city. Cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. a17

$1,000—Five-roomed cottage, bath and pantry, one lot, fruit trees. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. a14

FOR SALE—$1500—Six roomed cottage, almost new, with four lots, outhouses, etc. A1 soil. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government St. a8

FOR SALE—$1600 Five roomed cottage, bath, corner lot, on monthly instalment plan. Apply B. C Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m17

FOR SALE—Water front lot and A1 dwelling, modern, handy to car and within 10 minutes of post office; very cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m1

TO RENT- ROOM AND BOARD.

TO LET—Two comfortably furnished front bedrooms for gentlemen, in private family. Electric light and use of phone. Close to Parliament Buildings. Apply N. Z., Colonist office. j3

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VICTORIA DANCING CLUB will hereafter hold their regular Wednesday night dances in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Yates street. j5

FOR SALE—FARM LANDS.

FOR SALE—500 acre ranch; 250 acres under cultivation; 100 head stock; new buildings worth $3,000; well furnished house; 180 tons of hay in barns; 6 miles from branch line of C. P. R., near Enderby. All necessary farming implements. Terms on writing Ranch, Colonist office. d9

FOR SALE—$1500—Ten acres, four miles from post office; seven acres under cultivation, small house. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—Swan Lake Farm, 105 acres, more or less, 2½ miles from city. For further particulars, apply to James W. Meldram, agent for heirs. o28

FOR SALE—Farm of 300 acres, 100 acres under cultivation, usual farm buildings, best of soil, handy to city. Can also arrange to buy live stock and implements. Large Cattle run. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. o28

FOR SALE—320 acres, 3½ miles from railway station; 35 acres under cultivation; good house, barns, etc. Can arrange to buy live stock, implements, etc. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. o27

OKANAGAN DISTRICT—A number of A1 farms, $3500 upwards. Call for a list. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government streer 129

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LARGE TRACTS of timber land, both crown-granted and leasehold; cedar spruce, and fir and other woods. For particulars apply to B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited 42 Government Street.

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HOTEL NORTH VANCOUVER—The best summer resort on the coast. New and up-to-date. Rates $2 per day. Special rates for families and regular boarders. Ferry service every hour to and from this hotel, foot of Carrall st. P. Larson, proprietor.

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HOTEL COLONIAL — Opposite Court House. Best hotel in town. Rates from $1.50 up John M. Insley, prop.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

Municipal Elections 1904.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for North Ward, in Room No. 9, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, in Room No. 5, Public Market Building, Cormorant street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for the election as Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Estate in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value of the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing four members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

Any person being a housholder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting by us, the undersigned, Charles Robert Johnston and E. Harris, for a transfer of the License granted to us for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Horseshoe Saloon, 85 Government street, in the City of Victoria, to us, the undersigned, Walter Arthur Millington and Frederick Leslie Wolfenden of the same city.

CHARLES ROBERT JOHNSTON.
EDWARD HARRIS.
WALTER ARTHUR MILLINGTON.
FREDERICK LESLIE WOLFENDEN.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1903.

NOTICE.

Tenders for Timber Limits.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, 20th January, 1904, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom of a timber limit situated on the Kla-anch River, Vancouver Island, known as Lots 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 and 125, Rupert District, containing in the aggregate 21,-956 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for a term of 21 years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($3,298.40), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also a certified cheque for $8,421.87, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 16th December, 1903.

$25.00 CASH

Will secure you an Acre of Choice Land adjoining the City Limits, within easy reach of the tram. Balance in quarterly payments with a low rate of interest.

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45 FORT STREET

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Origin Of Fire Was Not Learned

Enquiry Held By Palice Magistrate Yesterday Fails to Reveal Cause.

Jury Returned Verdict That Evidence Did Not Show How Fire Resulted.

A jury composed of W. F. C. Pope, M. Young, J. Barnsley, H. G. Ross and F. Norris, all having their business premises in the immediate vicinity of the Army and Navy clothing store, sat before the police magistrate yesterday at the Police court to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the recent fire at the Army and Navy clothing store, which were considered with suspicion sufficient to have an enquiry. Magistrate Hall pointed out to the jury that they were to enquire into the cause or origin of the fire, whether it was caused by design or by reason of negligence or accident.

Before any witnesses were called the jury viewed the scene of the fire, the upper portion of the building being piled up with charred goods, which had been moved at the request of the adjuster since the fire. The proprietors, jurymen, insurance men and lawyers asked many questions regarding the position of the stovepipe which passed through a skylight and was carried to a brick flue, regarding electric wires that had been placed in the building and the position of goods, etc. Then all returned to the Police court and the taking of evidence proceeded with.

Mr. G. H. Barnard said he appeared for the underwriters, and asked that all witnesses withdraw. Magistrate Hall demurred. He said this was not a trial. Mr. Barnard held it to be in the interest of justice that witnesses be excluded. Magistrate Hall said the position was this. The witnesses were not summoned, but anyone who knew anything regarding the circumstances was to voluntarily give evidence. Frank Higgins said he appeared to watch the enquiry's procedure for Mr. Cohen, and he said he was willing to bring out all that could be learned regarding the fire. Mr. Barnard said that, while not insinuating anything, he wished to have all the evidence brought out, and the best way to secure the evidence independently, was to exclude witnesses from the room. Finally Magistrate Hall said it would be better if those known to be witnesses were excluded. Mr. Barnard asked that Messrs. Cohen, Smith, Austen and Simpson be excluded. Mr. Higgins objected to Mr. Cohen being excluded, and Magistrate Hall sustained him. Mr. Cohen was allowed to remain. Then Mr. Higgins asked that Mr. E. M. Johnson and others be excluded. Certainly, said Mr. Johnson, and he at once left the room. Mr. Higgins said this was satisfactory, and the enquiry commenced.

Geo. M. Perdue, detective, took the stand. He said he was standing in the doorway of the Victoria hotel. He noticed the fire at 11.25 p.m. in the Army and Navy, and broke in with others. The fire was blazing worst at the north side of the upper part. It had evidently been burning some time. There was no smoke downstairs. He remained outside to assist in the police work outside.

Duncan Grieve, carpenter at the naval yard at Esquimalt, was near the store when the fire started. He broke in the door. He said the fire seemed to gain headway rapidly. It seemed fiercest in the "amidships" part of the building at the top. He gave the alarm. The chemical arrived in about two minutes' time.

I. Jesse Cohen, proprietor of the burned store, said he was away from the city at the time of the fire. Regarding the situation of stock insured in the upper part of the building, he said household furniture, insured for $2,000, and the general stock not used in winter, which was covered with the general stock. There were some goods there not insured; he could not say what they were. They and the household goods belonged to a sister. He had been visiting a brother in Oregon and intended going to San Francisco when called from Oregon on account of the fire. He first heard of the fire on December 31st, when he was at Pendleton, Oregon. He was advised by Mr. Lenz, and came home at once. The goods upstairs consisted of flannel suits, children's clothing, men's lightweight coats, alpacas, sateens, etc., Panama and straw hats, fancy caps—goods that were not sold during the winter. He valued the goods roughly as not over $600 or $700 worth of stock or merchandise upstairs. It would not come to $1,000. Practically all the stock was on the ground. He had finished taking stock about December 22. He returned on January 1st, and found the adjuster there. Goods upstairs had been moved at his orders. He had only taken a casual glance at the place. He estimated his general stock at $18,000. The stock sheets showed that, and new goods had come in from the East valued at from $400 to $500. He had $17,500 insurance on the stock and $500 on the fixtures. He went into business in August, 1902. He had a stock of $10,000 then. The stock was at its lowest ebb when he took stock. There was over $8,000 worth of goods on the way.

Mr. Barnard asked if it was usual to have the stock lowest at the height of the Christmas trade. Witness replied affirmatively. When he returned he found his clerks at the store. He had no special conversation with them regarding the fire. He had made enquiries. Austen, as head man, was seen first. He spoke with him regarding the fire, and Austen said he had no idea regarding how the fire originated. Simpson and Smith reported having been there to 11.15 on the night of the fire. Austen had gone home at 9 p.m., and he reported that he had put wood in the stove before he left, enough to keep it going until morning. It was not a usual thing to leave a fire all night. He thought this careless. He had not passed any strictures about this or found any fault. "It was no use crying over spilt milk." He had not said anything special to Mr. Smith. He was much excited at the condition of affairs and could not remember. He was too excited to make enquiries. He had asked Smith about it, and Smith had said he was very surprised to come down in the morning and find that the store had been burned, and had gone to Mr. Austen's house after learning of the fire. Smith had left the store the night of the fire at 11.15 p.m. None of the employees had the remotest idea how the fire occurred, but as Mr. Austen had put wood in the stove they seemed to think it had come from there, although it might have come from the electric wires.

Mr. Simpson had told him he had left the store with Smith at 11.15. Simpson carried the key. He took the Fort street car immediately after leaving the store, and knew nothing about it until he came to the store next morning. Simpson had expressed an opinion it might have come from the stove after hearing that Austen had put wood on the fire. He (witness) could not say anything as to the origin of the fire.

To jurymen he said the most probable theory, as it looked to him, was that it must have been caused from the stove. As the flooring was not much burned it was not probable, although it might be possible, that it had been caused from electric wires. They had had trouble from wires and workmen had often been called to repair them. When they put in an electrical display at the front of the store it was found that a wire which connected with an arc light, supposed to be dead, had been alive. The stock had been placed along the south wall from east to west; he could not say, though, as the boys had stored the goods. He could not say whether there was stock under the stove pipe. The shop had been shut up and Smith and Simpson were on the upper floor painting signs. They told him they were working there. Both smoked. He could not say whether they were smoking then, probably they were. The fire broke out at 11:25, ten minutes after they left.

Edward A. Austen was in the store until 9:15 p. m. on the night of the fire. Messrs. Smith and Simpson were in the upper part of the store painting signs when he left. At 7:15 he put wood in the stove and closed the dampers. He put in "three large chunks." He had first heard of the fire when Smith came and told him at 7:30 o'clock next morning. He could not say how much stock was upstairs. There was a reserve stock of summer goods, but he could not say what it consisted of. He had gone upstairs often, sometimes twice a day. He said the stock lined along the brick wall on the south side. He could only remember three or four cases there, summer goods, probably; mostly hats, but he had never looked into the cases. There were loose hats on top of the cases, mostly straw and canvas hats. He was not aware of any Panama hats there. He had not noticed any pasteboard boxes there. He had never built a fire to last all night. He had made that one to last until he left. He had not told Mr. Cohen he built that fire to last all night. If Mr. Cohen had said so, it was probably incorrect. He had no conversation of importance when Mr. Cohen came back. Cohen had said, "What's this?" Witness replied, "Well, you can see for yourself." He had not questioned witness as to the cause of the fire, as far as he could remember. When Smith came and told him of the fire at his house, Smith had said nothing of the fire. He had asked witness if he had been to town. Witness replied negatively, and got into a hack with Smith and drove to the store. Smith had said nothing of the fire on the trip to the store. When the hack stopped witness saw the awning down and knew something had occurred. Smith and Simpson had said that everything was all right when they left. On the night of the fire witness went to the Queen's hotel and went home at 10:30 p. m. and remained there until next morning. The wood he had put on the fire would last until morning. He might have mentioned this to Mr. Cohen. Pressed as to his conversation with Mr. Cohen by Mr. Barnard he said he could not recollect what had been said. He had spoken to Mr. Cohen about the fire, but could not remember what he had said; there was not much to say.

Asked by jurymen as to whether he had any theory as to the fire, he said the only thing he could think of was a defective flue. To Mr. Barnard he said he had come to the conclusion that the fire had caught from where the pipe entered the flue, from the charred woodwork in that vicinity seen by him next morning. The wood here was not burnt more than blackened rafters elsewhere. It was his opinion, though that the fire originated from where the stovepipe entered the chimney. If there had been fire there when Smith and Simpson left, they ought to have been able to discover it. When Smith came for him with the hack next morning he had asked him a dozen times about the fire, but could get nothing out of him. Smith thought witness knew about it, and kept on laughing and "joshing" during the trip in the hack, thinking witness knew about it. Smith had a reputation as a "josher".

James Simpson, salesman and cashier, said he had the only key to the store, and had been in the store on the night of the fire. He and Frank Smith were painting signs upstairs in the rear part. They had not gone into the front part. He boarded the Willows car at 11:30 p. m. He did not hear the fire-bells ring. Frank Smith was smoking cigars as he worked. Where they worked rubbers were stored, and there was an old show case. The place had been cleared to make frames of wood for the show windows. There was a lot of rubbish there. They had two long tables cleared on which they were working. He knew Smith was smoking because — saw him lay down his cigar to take a drink of lemonade he had made. He knew of two cigars Smith had smoked. Saw him light one. Smith threw the matches on the floor, which was wet. Smith was upstairs two or three minutes, not as long as five minutes, after he left. He went to wash his hands with turpentine to get the paint off. Then he went back and Smith came down a few minutes afterward. He went to get his overcoat at the stairway and laid it on the counter while he tried the safe. Witness put on his overcoat. Smith had come down in the meantime, a few minutes after him, and was at the door when witness put on his overcoat. He had given his key to Smith, who locked the door for him and handed him the key. They walked along Government street together. Smith went up Yates street and witness continued to Fort street, where he boarded the car. He did not hear of the fire until next morning when he went to the store. He found a special policeman in charge and a man who wanted goods. Witness did not serve him. He was told not to do so by the policeman. When he saw Smith both were surprised at the fire. He, Smith and Austen were together, and strolled up to Austen's house on Cormorant street. Austen and Smith were doing all the talking. Where the fire occurred the stock consisted of hats. That was all he knew of. He was there when the summer goods were put away. He new of the hats, straw hats, mostly; nothing else.

Witness said he did not know how much turpentine was upstairs. He and Smith were using it to make paint. He did not know whether the turpentine was on the floor or on the table. It was close by. Smith had poured some out on to his hands and he went downstairs and wiped his hands. Smith was upstairs. Witness had no conversation with Cohen on his return. He was too busy. Cohen had said nothing to him about the fire, but had enquired about the painting of the signs. He complimented witness on the manner a sign was painted. He and Smith had come to the conclusion that a spark from the stovepipe had caused the fire, but he had no means of knowing.

Frank F. Smith said he had been working at the Army and Navy store for a year and five months. He and Simpson were painting signs on the night of the fire. They were using turpentine. He was smoking. In the part of the store where the stovepipe came up through the skylight summer goods were stored along the south wall. There were a number of cases, some lumber, etc. He had left with Simpson at 11:15 or 11:20 p. m. that night. He did not learn of the fire until next morning. He asked if Austen had been down and was told that he had. He went for Austen with a hack. He noticed Austen seemed bothered, and when Austen told witness that he had not been down, thought he must have been "fooling."

There were three or four cases of hats and some cases of other goods, stored in the upper part. The flannel suits were in cardboard boxes and in cases. There were about two dozen cardboard boxes, each with one suit. There were a number of alpaca coats in boxes, perhaps three dozen boxes, with four or five coats in a box. He could not tell what stock was in the store. He had not seen the stock sheets. On the night of the fire he had smoked a couple of cigars, lit probably half a dozen matches. He was drinking lemonade as he painted, having bought the lemons and made it earlier in the evening. There was no stick in the lemonade. When Simpson left work at the signs, witness poured some turpentine on his hands and when he went off to wash his hands, witness wiped his brushes. He could not remember if he was smoking then. He might have been. After leaving the store he went home. Mr. Lenz notified Mr. Cohen of the fire. When Cohen returned he asked witness what had happened; if he had any idea how the fire occurred. Witness said he had no idea. Cohen made no inquiries regarding what they had been doing. He did not notice the stove when he left and could not say whether there was a big fire. It was not customary to build a fire which would last until morning. The furniture upstairs belonged partly to Mr. Cohen and partly to Mr. Lenz. There was some excelsior lying about upstairs that had been thrown there from the packing of the furniture and lamps. He had thrown down his matches after using them.

Fire Chief T. Watson said that at about 11:30 p. m. he was notified by a man posted at the door of the Assembly hall that the fire alarm was ringing for a fire at Dixi Ross' store. He hurried by car and buggy to the building and found quite a blaze. He ordered a ladder which was put in through the skylight, and this ladder knocked the stovepipe down. They took hose up through the skylight and fought the fire from that place. Subsequently got a stream in from the engine. It was about an hour before the fire was under control. He investigated the premises afterwards, but could find nothing to show why it was caused. He would not think it had been caused from the stovepipe. Detective Perdue telephoned from Victoria hotel and an alarm had been sent in from box 24 at the same time, which tangled up the alarm. He did not see turpentine, and didn't think there was any fire in the stove. There was no heat in the stove. He put his hand on it. He believed the fire had started somewhere near the skylight. The fire was fiercest between the ceiling and room. There was quite a draught coming up through the skylight, through which the firemen worked. The fire must have been burning fifteen or twenty minutes from the time he arrived (about two and one-half minutes after the alarm) to gain such headway. He was positive that the fire could not have been caused by the electric light wires. The fire could not have started from the rear end of the building.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict, which was as follows: "We are unable to find the origin of the fire from the evidence submitted."

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IN CHAMBERS.

Before Mr. Justice Archer Martin in chambers yesterday the following cases were dealt with:

Devlin vs. Devlin; application to vary order. Stands over sine die. Martin for plaintiff; Walls for defendant.

B. C. Land & Investment Agency vs. Kay; application to sign judgment under Order XIV. Order made. Wootton for plaintiff; Elliott for defendant.

B. C. Land & Investment Agency vs. L. R. A.; application to allow plan of sub-division. Stands over. Wootton for plaintiff.

Lake vs. Courtlandt; application under Judgment Act. Order made. Lawson for plaintiff.

Re Kilpatrick estate; application to increase allowance to infants. No order at present; stands over; to come up again before Martin J. E. M. Yarwood (Nanaimo), for applicant.

Re Emma Troance, deceased; application for probate. Order made. Wootton for applicant.

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